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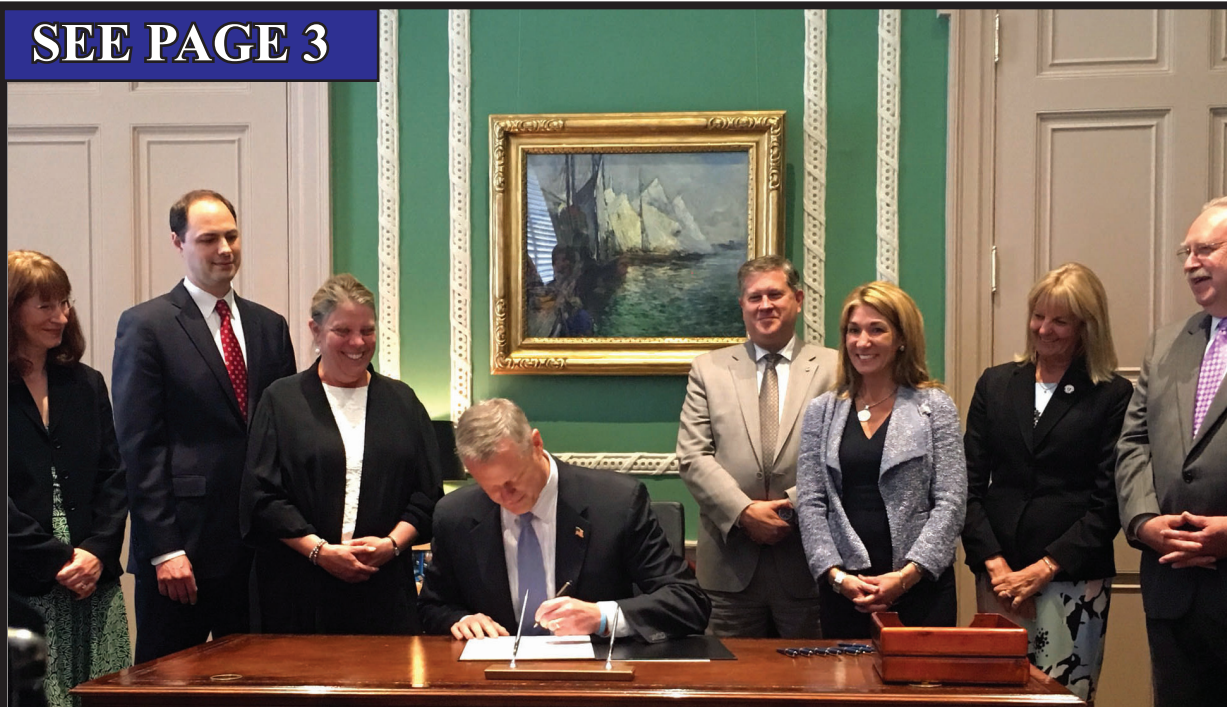
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## VALLEY PATRIOT OF THE MONTH!

### CORNER NAMED FOR PFC. THOMAS A. SULLIVAN, US ARMY

Last month, the City of Lawrence and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts recognized the heroism of World War II veteran and former Lawrence native, Thomas A. Sullivan of the Army's 338th infantry regiment in 85 Custer Division.

Sullivan was drafted on October 29, 1943, went into training on November 19, 1943, and was shipped to Italy where he arrived on May 4, 1944.

At the corner of South Union and Cambridge Streets in Lawrence, the city unveiled a sign bearing Sullivan's name

designating it as Sullivan Corner.

Massachusetts Secretary of Veterans Services, Francisco Urena (who was once the Veterans Services Officer for Lawrence under then, Mayor Michael Sullivan), attended and spoke to more than two dozen veterans and members of the Sullivan family as did Jamie Melendez, the city's Veteran's Services Officer.

"This is so important to honor the services of someone like Thomas Sullivan," Urena told The Valley Patriot after the ceremony. "Especially here on the corner

of South Union and Cambridge Street. His family has made such a significant contribution to this city with a business, T.A. Sullivan Insurance, and two of his sons, Kevin and Michael, being former mayors of the city, and such an amazing family," Urena said.

Former Lawrence Mayor Kevin Sullivan, who was elected the city's mayor in 1985, said that he was honored his father's name now stands on South Union Street.

"I hope that people will walk by and see this sign for generations to come and go home and google the name and read about his service. This is wonderful."

His father, Thomas Sullivan, landed in Italy at 22 years old and fought what was later called the forgotten war because most of the focus in the European Theater was on the invasion of Normandy at D-Day.

"If you think about it, there was really two wars going on, the war against Japan and the one in Europe," former Mayor Kevin Sullivan said.

"Churchill, who had been fighting the war since the mid 1930's, was begging Roosevelt to focus on Europe and win that war first and then focus on the Japanese. Think of 1941, Japan just bombed us so, of course the first inclination is bomb the Japanese with all we have. But, Churchill said you have to help us fight Europe and defeat Hitler. At the time, Churchill was worried that Hitler was going to go into Russia and take Moscow. If that had happened it would have been a whole different war. So, Churchill wanted to keep Hitler busy."

"In 1943, the allies invaded Italy with

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# Pets Are Not People

Jeff Katz  
VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

I was asked recently why I hate animals and I must confess I was stunned. I could not understand how anyone could even imagine that I hated animals. I am a passionate supporter of conservation programs to help safeguard wildlife. I am both a dog and a cat person but I do draw the line at four legs when it comes to pets. Four legs and under it's a pet. More than four legs it's a pest. But I'm not alone in that so that couldn't be the reason that someone thought I hated animals, right?

I asked this person directly what made them think that I hated animals. "I am a pet parent and you mock that idea" was their response. Ah, now I understood. Someone who believes that owning an animal is the same as being a parent was using their own faulty logic to make the outrageous claim that I hate animals.

The reality is that I do love animals and have owned many pets over the years. Cats with bad attitudes often hung out with this Katz and his bad attitude. Two of my favorite pets over the years were dogs that The Bride and I shared our home with early in our marriage.

Hogan was a mutt. Short, stocky, yellow. Part pitbull, part Labrador, part Buick. He was a brilliant dog. When we first got him, he hated me with a passion. He made that abundantly clear but I decided to change his mind. A few visits to the local drive through and a couple of burgers later and Hogan was all onboard with me as the leader of his pack.

Annie was our purebred Irish wolfhound. We bought her from one of Ireland's leading breeders and had her shipped to the states. She was tall and regal and beautiful and truly dumb as a box of rocks. The sort of dopey that necessitated bringing her inside every time it rained for fear that she would look up at the sky with her mouth open and drown. She was also amazingly sweet and friendly and a great addition to the squad.

Annie and Hogan were a wonderful tag team. It always looked like Hogan was the brains of the outfit and Annie the brawn, but neither one of them would have inflicted an injury worse than a very wet face from a lot of licking. Annie stood six feet tall on her hind legs and

weighed about 135 pounds but she was completely convinced that she was still a puppy and wanted nothing more than to sit in your lap. Hogan's biggest regret in life was that he did not have opposable thumbs. If not for that, he'd be ruling the roost. They were our version of Pinky and The Brain.

We loved Annie and Hogan but we never once considered them our children. We also had two cats at the time, Bailey and Pudge, but at no time did we refer to ourselves as their parents. We owned these wonderful creatures. We adored them and happily took care of them, but never expected anyone to send us a card for Mother's Day or Father's Day as a result of maintaining our menagerie.

In recent years, some pet owners have begun to christen themselves as pet parents. Some of these folks are well intentioned I'm sure but using that title really demeans and diminishes the role of real parents. It's insulting to all of us who are actually mothers and fathers.

The most ridiculous outgrowth of the inane pet parent movement is the call for "paw-ternity" leave, which is now a demand of some of the more delusional pet owners. The purchasers of pets are now demanding that they be given paid time off from work when they buy an animal.

The other day I read an article in the New York Post, which quoted a cat owner who said, "While my co-workers with kids walk out the door at 6 p.m., no one seems to care that I also have a child at home waiting for dinner." Sorry to burst your bubble but you don't have a child waiting for you at home. You have a pet. Not a "fur-baby" and certainly not a child.

Please take care of your pets. Love those dogs and cats and birds and fish. Don't hurt or abuse them. Be responsible caring custodians and caretakers to those creatures. Do right by them, but unless you also have fur and paws you are not their parents no matter how many silly cards Hallmark tries to sell you.

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## “WEATHER 101” WITH AL!

### Summer is Here

Al Kaprielian  
VALLEY PATRIOT WEATHERMAN

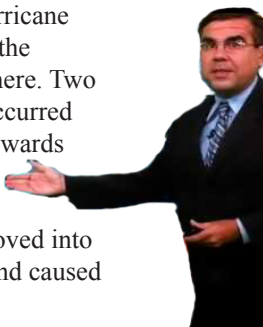
After some cool days in May we saw a return to true summertime heat on Saturday, May 28. Boston reached 92 degrees on that day, which tied the record of 92 degrees set back in 1931. Fitchburg reached 97 degrees on that day. Many areas reached into the 90's on that day. The exception being the south coast, Cape Cod & the Islands surrounded by the cooler ocean waters. The reason for the intense heat on May 28 was a strong high pressure system off the east coast known as the Bermuda high. This high extended to the east coast and up into New England. This pushed the jet stream to our north, putting our area on the hot side, or south side of the jet stream. The hot weather only lasted a day in eastern New England. The reason was a cold front that moved through from the east. Usually cold fronts move from west to east. However, sometimes cold fronts approach from the east and they are called backdoor cold fronts. Another high pressure system moved into the Canadian Maritimes which helped push this backdoor cold front westward early Sunday morning, May 29. What can we expect as we start the month of June? It appears as though an upper level trough and upper level low will bring a return to cooler and wet weather for the first week in June. It is too early to say how long this weather pattern will last.

On June 1, hurricane season begins in the northern hemisphere. Two storms already occurred before June 1. Towards the later part of May, Tropical Storm Bonnie moved into South Carolina and caused a lot of flooding.

Although we were not directly affected by Bonnie, we did get some tropical moisture (rain) from her. Hurricanes form over warm ocean waters where the temperatures of the ocean are 80 degrees or higher. The warm ocean waters give the hurricane heat (energy) they need to intensify. When a hurricane moves over land, it loses the heat from the warm ocean waters, and this causes the hurricane to weaken. Also, the friction from the land causes a hurricane to weaken. Hurricanes cause tremendous flooding and this can pose a danger for us. This is why people need to evacuate areas where the hurricane makes landfall.

Flooding from a hurricane can cause drowning if proper evacuations are not taken. Also, hurricanes can produce severe thunderstorms, which can cause tornadoes to form. Hurricanes form on the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone. This is where various winds meet (come together). When these trade winds meet, the air is forced to rise. As air rises, it

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# The Democratic Party Has Come a Long Way

**VALLEY PATRIOT EDITORIAL**

In 1961, Democratic President John F. Kennedy inspired us all by saying this country would put a man on the moon. He then went to Congress to fund the exploration into space. Soon afterwards, we saw men on the moon. Today, Democratic President Barack Obama's inspiration is to put men into ladies bathrooms. Ignoring Congress, he now offends the sensitivities of millions by issuing an executive order

dictating how the nation's bathrooms shall be used.

The population of the United States is approximately 323,000,000 people. Of those millions, surveys have indicated that as many as .3% of that population are transgender. Now let's get this straight. In order not to offend the sensibilities of 969,000 people, the Democratic Administration instead wants to institute regulations that offend the sensibilities of 322 million

people? Never mind the perverts who may take advantage of this new arrangement to do their thing -- is this whole idea upside down or backwards or what?

One leading Democrat advocate of this gone-ballistic nonsense publicly broadcasts that if any female is offended by having an obviously male character in their ladies room, they can either "just hold it" or suffer their embarrassment in silence. So over 300 million people should either

"hold it" or feel uncomfortable to pander the sensibilities of 100,000? Is this crazy or what? Don't we have more important things to think about and do? We now will have to spend billions of dollars making over bathroom arrangements to protect our privacy? How about spending that money to combat cancer?

Yes, the Democrats have come a long way. The wrong way. The time has come to shut them down. Yes indeed -- better late than never!

## Governor Signs Public Records Bill Into Law

Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed a Public Records Reform Bill Friday, after a joint conference committee of the Massachusetts legislature negotiated and reached a final deal on final language of the bill.

For the first time in the state's history, members of the public and the press will be able to hold public officials accountable for refusing to release public documents to anyone who requests them.

**CHANGES TO THE PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

The new law, (H4333), would allow judges to award legal costs and attorney fees to members of the public who are forced to obtain public records through the courts.

The law increased the amount of time that the public must wait for public documents. Under the previous law, agencies and municipalities had to turn over public records within ten days. The new law increases that time to 15 business days for state agencies and 25 days for municipalities.

**THE NEW LAW ALSO:**

- Establishes a public records officer in every city and town as well as every state agency.
- Exempts the legislature and governor, as well as some court records.

- Includes for the first time as public records, all records from the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) and all other such agencies and their retirement boards.

- Limits copying costs, which will now be limited to 5 cents per page for a black-and-white copy.

- Limits the cost of an electronic USB drive or other such device can be charged based on the cost of the item.

- Municipalities and state agencies will be mandated to provide public records online, or electronically to cut down on costs.

- Gives state agencies and municipalities the ability to waive fees for public records

based on the requestor's income, or in the service of a greater public good.

Agencies or municipalities that are found to have violated the state's public records law by a Massachusetts court can be fined not less than \$1,000 and not more than \$5,000.

Money from such awards will not go to the person who initially requested the records, but instead will go into a state fund. This fund is to be used to provide educational materials and assistance to state agencies and municipalities regarding public records laws.

Establishes a Commission, headed by Secretary of State Bill Galvin, to assess the state's public records laws and make recommendation for changes to the law in the future.

Allows the Attorney General to "take whatever action deemed appropriate" against a state agency or municipality, including fines or bringing suit in Superior Court.

Exempts records pertaining to gun licenses or applications, the home addresses or personal information of police officers and other appropriate public employees.

State Senator Katy Ives and State Rep. Diana DiZoglio sponsored the public records bill on behalf of Valley Patriot publisher, Tom Duggan

**THE GENESIS OF A PUBLIC RECORDS LAW**

Portions of the bill were initially written by Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan of North Andover, who submitted a bill through State Senator Katy Ives (D-Newburyport), and State Representative Jim Lyons (R-Andover) in 2012.

That bill died after being assigned to several sub-committees in both houses.

The bill was reintroduced by State Rep. Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) in the House, and State Senator Katy Ives in the Senate in 2014.

The bill was passed unanimously in the House of Representatives in 2015, but was



Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signs the Public Records Reform Bill on Friday June 3, 2016, four years after it was initially written and submitted to the legislature.

stripped of the language that would penalize public officials who willingly conceal public records.

The Senate then passed a similar version of the House bill with stricter penalties, and incorporated other bills in the final language.

One bill was submitted by Senator Jamie Eldridge (D-Acton), which included public access to electronic records, and mandated that public agencies post their public records online.

Because the Senate bill had different language than the House, it was sent to a conference committee where the final language of the new public records law was unanimously approved by the six-member conference committee.

**INITIAL REACTION**

Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan testified before several committees on the need to reform public records.

Rep. Peter Kocot, (D-Northampton) who chaired the conference, called the bill an "outstanding improvement" over the current law and said the committee had sought to put forward legislation that could be easily understood by a citizen requesting records. Lawmakers developing the bill also worked to minimize the financial

impact on smaller municipalities, in some cases setting different standards for communities with populations under 20,000.

Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan said that the bill was a "great start" and proclaimed that the state finally has a real public records law with "some kind of penalties for those who violate it. We haven't had that ever. Before this law, there was no penalty at all for public officials who refuse to release public documents. Before this law there was no way to recover legal fees if you have to sue your local town to release records they are concealing and legally mandated to release."

"Since first running for public office, I have been firmly committed to fighting for greater transparency in our government," representative Diana DiZoglio, one of the bill's sponsors said.

"Without adequate access to public records, such transparency simply doesn't exist. The reforms just signed into law, the first in more than 40 years, will significantly improve accountability and enforcement when it comes to obtaining public records. Here in Massachusetts, we have an incredibly civically engaged population and I'm hopeful these reforms will bolster such

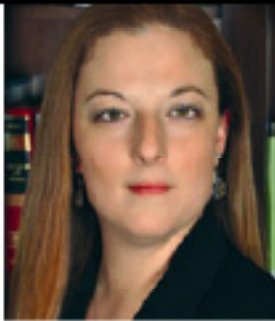
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# Wounded Vet Lobbies Legislature for Veteran Health Care

Tom Duggan

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NEWBURY, MA - Newbury resident and wounded Iraqi war vet, Donald Jarvis, says he is tired of waiting for the VA or anyone else in the government to do something about veterans dying while waiting for health care.

"We served our country, we did what was asked of us, and in return we were promised that we would be taken care of if we got sick or hurt, either in battle or when we came home" Jarvis told The Valley Patriot in an exclusive interview.

Jarvis met with local legislators last month at the state house to try and get them on board with his idea of using driver's licenses as veteran health care cards for emergency treatment. "I met with Senator Ives, Rep. DiZoglio, Kelcourse, Garry and a bunch of other legislators to talk about my new bill and they were very receptive."

Jarvis asked Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan to write his new bill in cooperation with local veterans to ensure veterans can get 24-7 emergency care without waiting for the VA to open and wait forever for medical service. "Tom just finished getting the public records law passed and that's something nobody thought would ever happen, so he was the first person I thought of when looking for someone to help write the language of the Veteran's Emergency Care Bill."

Jarvis says that his idea is to turn Massachusetts driver's licenses or identification cards into medical ID cards that vets can use at any hospital, clinic or health care facility. "The way it will work is, veterans will present their driver's license that says 'veteran' when they break their leg, or have a heart attack, or have to visit a local

hospital for emergency care."

"The hospitals will work with local veteran services officers and pass the bill on to them. In turn they will work with the state to get the hospitals paid."

Jarvis said that all veterans deserve emergency care at civilian emergency rooms and shouldn't be treated as second-class citizens when they get sick.

"This is the best and easiest way to get it taken care of. It takes all responsibility away from the veterans. They don't have to be chased by the hospitals and bill collectors, and the veterans won't have to go through the maze of red tape and delays at the VA. It's shameful that veterans have to chase people to get their medical bills paid before it destroys their credit. You wouldn't believe how many vets have had their credit ruined because of medical bills that were never paid, or paid to the wrong provider, or just paid too late."

Jarvis says that every legislator he has met with agreed that the emergency health care for veterans is a crisis and has to be dealt with quickly. "I think they get it. They seemed to know it's a major crisis, but I don't think before we met, that they understood the intensity of problem."

Jarvis says that once the language is worked out and the legislature gets on board, this program could be a model for the country. "If this works, and I know will work, it would be a great model for the rest of the country. It's so sad that so many veterans call the suicide hotline and wait on hold for hours, or worse, get a recording to call back on Monday. It's even sadder if the veteran has a serious health problem and they have to wait and wait to see a doctor. It cripples their daily lives. It burdens their families and their employers. This is an easy way to fix a major part of the problem."

Jarvis says that it's going to take a lot of hard work to get this from an idea to a workable bill in the legislature, but added that he is willing to stick it out long term. "There's a lot that needs to be done besides writing and submitting the bill. We have to define, for example, under this bill what is and is not considered a medical emergency, a veteran, what are options for psychological care, and things like that. But, I know that working with the different veterans groups, local legislators, and using outlets like The Valley Patriot to get the word out, we can do something substantial for the men and women who served this country."

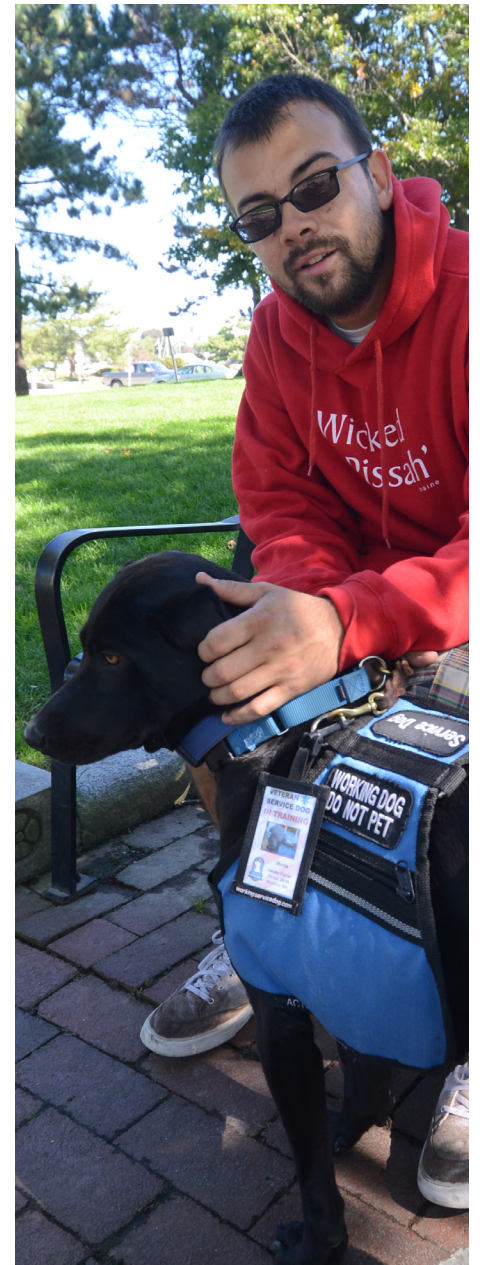
Donald Jarvis enlisted with the National Guard served tours in Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012, while operating a 'buffalo' (a minesweeping vehicle), the vehicle struck an IED and he blew up. Jarvis was severely injured with, among other things, dramatic brain injuries, as well as severe injuries to his knees and his legs.

When Jarvis came home for medical treatment, he spent seven months in a medical hospital in Virginia. When he was released, he said he needed to go back, and he needed to continue to serve, so he did.

Jarvis now works to help other wounded veterans in any capacity he can, including raising funds for local veteran groups like Delta Dog and being assigned as an explosive ordnance engineer to the Boston Marathon the day of the fatal explosion.

Jarvis was given The Valley Patriot's Hero Veteran Award in 2016 for his work with veterans here at home.

"If I can use my experiences to help other men and women who served, if I can make a contribution that is meaningful, then something good can come from what I went through and still go through as a result of my injuries in the Middle East."



Donald Jarvis and his Delta Dog, Mocha, are trying to change the way local veterans get their emergency care in Massachusetts.

## The Unstoppable Denise Moses: Finding Success Through LARE Institute

Denise Moses, 31, is a boxer, a mother, a CNA, an unstoppable woman. She's known not only for knocking out her competition in the ring (she's undefeated), but also for knocking out every obstacle she encounters in life.

You wouldn't know when meeting Denise today, that she had a tough home life as a child, that she dropped out of high school to pursue a boxing career, that she's been legally blind since the age of 2, that she once didn't believe she was capable of all she's accomplished and is working to accomplish today.

Denise is a loving mother of two beautiful children, working two full-time jobs while going to school. She works as a CNA, certified nursing assistant, and as a Home Health Aide, and was recently named as a Community Hero by the Red Cross.

But how did she get there? "I've got a great support team," she said. From her StarWorks family to her LARE Institute family, to her fiancé David and their two children who helped her study each night, Denise is blessed with a strong foundation. But it's her drive that has taken her to where she is today.

Denise grew up in a family that struggled with drug and alcohol abuse. "School, to us, was nothing," she said. She eventually dropped out of high school, giving up a 4-year track scholarship, to pursue a boxing career.

"With boxing, I felt like I'd accomplished something. I figured I'd keep boxing and go back to school for my GED later," Denise said. But it wasn't until her daughter LaPorsha, now 9, began struggling with reading that Denise really considered going back to school. "She's my main motivator," said Denise. So she made a deal with her. "I told her that if she didn't give up, I promised I'd go back to school."

Working with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind and American Training's StarWorks team, Denise enrolled in LARE Institute's HiSET program. As the course came to an end, she struggled with the exam, but eventually passed, this spring, with a perfect score, making her the first in her family to earn her HiSET, formerly known as a GED.

"Denise was one of the best students I've had. She was a very driven student and hungry to learn," said instructor Jim Sullivan.

"LARE is really like home. They always tell us, that even when we graduate, we're always a part of them," said Denise.

And while her LARE family helped her find her own inspiration, she hopes she can use that to inspire her family, specifically her daughter and one day, when he's a bit older, her son David.

"I want to be their role model. I want to show them that it's never too late to make it somewhere in this life," she said, adding, "I want them to know that if something seems hard, you don't run from it, you work twice as hard to get where you need to go."

Denise isn't stopping there. She is enrolling in an LPN, licensed practical nurse course, with the long-term goal of becoming an RN, a registered nurse.

"Denise is proof that you can accomplish anything if you try," said Jim. "I've always believed that but she helped prove it...I hope she gets her dream to go to college and get her nursing degree."

She will. In her own words, "Now that I've got my HiSET, nothing can stop me."

Denise will be walking at the LARE Institute Graduation Celebration in Andover on June 16th. To learn more, visit [americantraininginc.com/groups/lare-institute](http://americantraininginc.com/groups/lare-institute), or call Carole G. at 978-685-2151, ext. 6710.

## IN YOUR CORNER WITH SENATOR KATY IVES

# A Step Forward for the State's Public Records Law

Kathleen O'Connor Ives  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE SENATOR

In May, the Massachusetts Legislature approved legislation that seeks to enhance government transparency and accountability by providing residents with greater access to public records and imposing penalties for non-compliance with public records requests.

I re-filed a piece of legislation this session, co-sponsored by Representative Diana DiZoglio, in an effort to make our public records law more responsive to residents' legitimate requests for information about their government. In the prior legislative session, I filed this bill on behalf of Valley Patriot publisher, Tom Duggan.

Some concepts from that bill are echoed in House Bill 4333, "An Act to Improve Public Records," the finalized public records reform bill approved by the legislature, which streamlines the process of requesting records, delineates a clear process for the timely response to records requests, and puts teeth in the law to demand enforcement.

The bill would require state government entities and municipalities to designate a Records Access Officer, with contact information conspicuously posted, to assist members of the public with records requests. The legislation would also impose clear limits on the time government entities have to comply with requests, reduce the cost to the public of requesting records,

and improve and enhance enforcement mechanisms.

House Bill 4333 would require any government entity to furnish the record requested no later than 10 business days after a request is made, provided that (i) the requestor reasonably describes the public record sought, (ii) the record is within the custody and control of the records officer and (iii) payment of a reasonable fee is received.

If an agency or municipality is unable to comply within 10 business days, the requestor must be sent a written response identifying the records, providing specific reasons for withholding, or identifying a reasonable timeframe in which the agency will produce the record. The timeframe for eventually producing the records must not exceed 15 business days following the initial request to any agency, and 25 business days following the request to a municipality.

A government entity may charge a reasonable fee for records, which cannot exceed the actual cost of reproducing the record. The bill limits the cost to produce standard black and white copies to 5 cents per page. Additionally, state agencies may charge an hourly rate after the first four hours of labor equal to the rate of the lowest paid employee capable of completing the request, but that rate must not exceed \$25 per hour. Municipalities with populations greater than 20,000 residents may

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TOM DUGGAN'S NOTEBOOK

**THANK YOU OUTBACK** - Last month the Veterans' Services Officer for North Andover and Boxford, Gerard Maguire, held a fundraiser for our veterans at the Relief's In in Lawrence. I want to personally thank the Outback Steak House in Methuen for donating an amazing meal for the event in support of our veterans. I am regularly asked by readers and listeners of my show to recommend a local restaurant or business and when that happens, I always keep in mind those businesses that go above and beyond to help the community in outstanding ways. The next time you are looking for a place to have dinner, stop into the Outback and thank them for helping out veterans.

**SOME TOUGH LOVE FOR LOCAL CANDIDATES** - Call it a pet peeve, but when I was growing up, candidates for office would always list their political party on their campaign literature. They also listed a home address so that people knew what community the candidates lived in, as well as an address for their campaign headquarters in case a voter wanted to send a donation or drop into the office to seek additional information about the candidate. Not so today. Last month, I asked my assistant Maria to go online and get the addresses of all the candidates for State Rep., State Senate and Sheriff so that we could mail everyone a schedule of the debates we are putting together and let the candidates know we are going to interview them for the paper. Of the two dozen candidates Maria looked up, only three had an address listed, and only one had their party affiliation listed anywhere visible on their websites. Shame on any candidate that does not list ALL the basic information (party and address for example) on their websites and campaign literature. Given that so few people get involved in political campaigns or even vote these days, you would think candidates would make it as easy as humanly possible to contact them, send them a check, or find out their party affiliation. This is not rocket science people. And as a side note, I refuse to vote for any candidate who doesn't list their party affiliation on their site and their literature.

**JEW HATRED IN ANDOVER** - Last month someone committed a hate crime at Temple Emmanuel in Andover by painting a Nazi swastika on the parking lot pavement. What was the daily newspaper con-

cerned about that day? They were tweeting out who won the Central Catholic senior class president, weather tips, and retweets of other journalists.

**FLAG DAY** - Flag Retirement and Eagle Scout Ceremony. Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at the Dracut American Legion, 6pm. Everyone is welcome.

**A BIT OF HISTORY - JUNETEENTH**  
Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of slavery in the United States. Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th that the Union soldiers, led by Major General Gordon Granger, landed at Galveston, Texas with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free. Note that this was two and a half years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation - which had become official January 1, 1863. The Emancipation Proclamation had little impact on the Texans due to the minimal number of Union troops to enforce the new Executive Order. However, with the surrender of General Lee in April of 1865, and the arrival of General Granger's regiment, the forces were finally strong enough to influence and overcome the resistance.

Later attempts to explain this two and a half year delay in the receipt of this important news have yielded several versions that have been handed down through the years. Often told is the story of a messenger who was murdered on his way to Texas with the news of freedom. Another is that the news was deliberately withheld by the enslavers to maintain the labor force on the plantations. And still another is that federal troops actually waited for the slave owners to reap the benefits of one last cotton harvest before going to Texas to enforce the Emancipation Proclamation. All of which, or neither of these version could be true. Certainly, for some, President Lincoln's authority over the rebellious states was in question. For whatever the reasons, conditions in Texas remained status quo well beyond what was statutory. (from juneteenth.com).

**HAMPSTEAD ACADEMY PEACE POETRY WINNERS** - Hampstead Academy would like to congratulate Upper School Students, Madeline Lembo, 7th grade, Sara Torrice, 8th grade, and Caroline Hines, 8th grade for their winning poetry entries in the 8th Annual Northern Essex Community College Peace Poetry

Contest. Their submissions will be printed and published in the chapter book titled 2015-16 NECC Peace Poetry!

For the past four years, Mrs. Huettners Language Arts students have participated in the poetry contest coordinated and sponsored by Northern Essex Community College. Their poems were submitted to the poetry contest, which received close to a thousand entries! The submissions came from students of all ages with a range of thoughtful and creative perspectives on the topic of peace. The students were invited to present their poems at a poetry reading at the Haverhill campus on May 6.

Please be sure to check out the following poems:

Sara Torrice, Grade 8, "Harmony of Two Notes"


Madeline Lembo, Grade 7, "Hands of Change," Winning Entry in the 6-8 category!

Caroline Hines, Grade 8, "My Own Peace"

**ROCKS VILLAGE COMMUNITY YARD SALE FUNDRAISER**, Saturday 6/11 from 8:30am-3pm at the Hand Tub House, 1 River Road @ East Main Street at the foot of the Rocks Bridge in East Haverhill. Furniture, kitchen and household items, books and more! Call 978-994-4628 for information.

Also taking place at 10:30-11:30am and 1-2pm is a **NEIGHBORHOOD WALKING TOUR**. Discover the riverfront neighborhood of Rocks Village, once a bustling community of stores, taverns, and wharfs. Hear tales of merchants, shipbuilders, an alleged witch, and more. Travel through the centuries looking at more than just the architecture of the buildings but the stories of those who lived, loved, and worked here. Presented in partnership with Historic New England and Rocks Village Memorial Association, Inc. Walking Tour parking available at 366 Amesbury Line Rd (follow signs down the hill to the Hand Tub House). \$10, open to the public, registration recommended. Call 617-994-5970 for information.

**CLEAN RIVER PROJECT GETS NEW SORTING AREA** - U.S. Pavement Services donated their time, equipment and asphalt to create a sorting surface for the Clean River Project in Methuen. This platform will make it easier for the Clean River team to sort through the debris pulled from the Merrimack River and sepa-



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rate recyclables without including gravel in the mix. The gravel content was causing some debris loads to be rejected and the newly donated asphalt surface now allows for a cleaner process.

Clean River Project director, Rocky Morrison, knows all about the pollution problem in the 110-mile river. In 2005, Rocky started his mission when seeing the river at one of its lowest points. He states, "I was not only amazed but disgusted at the trash visible within the banks and bushes of the Merrimack River." Car engines, household appliances, furniture, construction barrels, and over 1,000 tires is just a short list of the endless amount of debris and junk that has been pulled out of the river. Rocky challenges individuals throughout the community to answer the simple question, "Do you know what's in your river?" By bringing their story and other information into schools and companies, the Clean River Project is determined to spread knowledge about the cause and physically get people out on the water. With the help of individuals and sponsors who are looking to give back to

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the community, the Clean River team has confidence that the river will continue to steer far away from the lowest point Rocky first saw it at.

U.S. Pavement Services firmly believes in volunteering in the communities it has serviced for over 30 years. Reclaiming and reusing asphalt and concrete is an established operational component. Over 90% of all asphalt and concrete used by the company is recycled material. U.S. Pavement Services is committed to clean and environmentally friendly initiatives like the Clean River Project.

About U.S. Pavement Services, Inc. and 800-PAVEMENT Network: Started in 1985, U.S. Pavement Services did nearly \$50 million in sales in 2015, up from \$36 million in 2014. The full-service paving and pavement maintenance contractor completed over 3,500 parking lot jobs and more than 2,000 residential driveways in 2015. Much of the parking lot work was from national accounts through the 1-800-PAVEMENT Network, which the contractor founded and manages. Nearly 200 members strong, the Network consists of nationwide 800 vanity numbers which include 1-800-ASPHALT, 1-800-SEALCOAT, 1-800-BLACKTOP, 1-800-STRIPING, 1-800-DRIVEWAY and 1-888-PAVEMENT. The Network combined did \$1 billion in sales last year. In addition, U.S. Pavement Services is committed to buying, selling, and using only products that are Made In America. Community involvement is a core value and we pledge our support of military veterans and their families, including spearheading a campaign focused on the hiring of veterans. <http://www.uspavement.com/>

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FREE PROGRAM HELPS IMPROVE ENGLISH SKILLS

A free program titled The Bridge to College and Careers program designed to help English language learners succeed in college will be offered through Northern Essex Community College's Center for Adult Education Programs and Preparation.

This intensive two-semester program was developed to improve English reading, writing, and math skills to help individuals boost their placement test scores. This program is designed to help develop college and career and readiness skills for entry into a college degree or certificate program.

Individuals interested in exploring careers in instructional technology, health care, or business and are motivated and committed to work additional hours of work outside of class may qualify for the Bridge program.

A placement test is required upon registration. Registration days are held Wednesday, June 22; Wednesday, July 20; and Wednesday, August 3, from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 8, and Wednesday, August 17, from 9:30 to 11:30am at NECC's Riverwalk Campus, 360 Merrimack Street, Building 9, Entrance K, Room 309.

Classes are held Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm For more information contact Marsha Parinussa Flynn, coordinator at [mparinussa@necc.mass.edu](mailto:mparinussa@necc.mass.edu) 978-659-1279 or Sheila Corsaro, academic advisor at [scorsaro@necc.mass.edu](mailto:scorsaro@necc.mass.edu) 978-659-1282.

This program is funded through the Richard and Susan Smith Family Foundation grant.

HEART CHALLENGE SET FOR JUNE 25th

Join the American Heart Association for an adventurous 5K-obstacle trail run with family, friends, co-workers and survivors at this year's Heart Challenge on Saturday, June 25th at Prowse Farm in Canton, MA. The event will kick-off at 8am with heats running through noon, followed by an on-site Summer Celebration which will include a short speaking program, live music and Hands-Only CPR Trainings! The course is designed to be completed by anyone that can run a 5K. To register or for more information visit [www.heartchallenge.org](http://www.heartchallenge.org) or call 781.373.4517.

# Town of North Andover Bond Rating Upgraded to AAA

Recently S&P Global Ratings raised the Town of North Andover's bond rating to 'AAA', the highest possible rating. This represents an increase from the previous rating of AA+ and marks the first time in the Town's history that it has achieved an 'AAA'. In a report issued on May 16, 2016, S&P stated that, "we rate the town higher than the nation because we believe North Andover can maintain better credit characteristics than the nation in a stress scenario."

Town Manager Andrew Maylor has focused on "sustainability" during his four plus year tenure, a philosophy that has caught on with elected and appointed officials in North Andover. "It is extremely validating that a firm as respected as S&P Global Ratings has recognized the town's commitment to the long term plan for fiscal stability and community stewardship," stated Mr. Maylor after the bond rating upgrade was announced.

The upgrade will result in a reduced cost of capital in future years. The town on an annual basis sells municipal (tax exempt) bonds to finance capital projects. These projects are approved by Town Meeting as part of the Capital Improvement Plan developed by the Town Manager and reviewed by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee. Selling bonds is the standard method used by all levels of government to finance similar projects. The interest rate paid by the town on this debt is competitively determined by those institutions (mutual fund companies, trusts etc.) that purchase the bonds. These institutions look at the town's credit rating as the primary barometer for evaluating the risk associated with the bonds. The level of risk drives interest rates and therefore a higher rating means lower risk and in turn lower interest rates.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen,

Tracy Watson, noted that it has been a "core goal of the board to develop policies and practices which would eventually lead to an upgrade." S&P recognized that effort in its report, stating "We view the town's management as very strong, with "strong" financial policies and practices under our Financial Management Assessment methodology, indicating financial practices are strong, well embedded, and likely sustainable."

The town's professional and collegial approach to all matters financial and operational have been a huge contributing factor to the town's success. This was recognized by Finance Committee Chairman Bill Callahan who when he heard of the upgrade said "outstanding news; a fitting recognition of a fine collective effort." School Committee Chairman Brian Gross echoed those sentiments, "amazing what we can do when we have a plan and collaboration." The results have been notable. The town has had a remarkable run of four consecutive years of consensus budgets and capital improvement plans. Chairman Watson also emphasized the work of many dedicated employees. "From the Town Manager to Finance Director Lyne Savage and throughout the organization we are fortunate to have a dedicated and experienced staff," stated Watson.

The town is committed to continuing its successful strategy of long term planning and the Town Manager's recent comments reflect that perspective. "The bond rating increase is arguably the greatest financial success we have had in our community in many, many years, but it does not mark the end of the road. We must continue to plan the work and work the plan." said Manager Maylor.

For further information about the bond rating upgrade please contact: Andrew Maylor, Town Manager; 978-688-9510 [amaylor@northandoverma.gov](mailto:amaylor@northandoverma.gov)

The estate of Tanya Ferrigno of Lawrence is publicly seeking any outstanding debt to the estate of Ms. Ferrigno. Anyone with information on debt may call 978-686-2338

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cools due to expansion (spreading out of the air). As this air cools, it cools down to the dew point (amount of moisture in the air.) When this occurs it causes clouds to form. As this process continues, the clouds continue to grow (get bigger) and eventually they grow into Cumulonimbus clouds. These clouds produce rain & thunderstorms. Hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30 in the northern Hemisphere. After November 30, the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone shifts back to the south of the Equator. After November 30, hurricane season moves to the southern Hemisphere.

Hurricanes move by the jet stream. They can move up the east coast and affect New England like hurricane Bob did back in 1991. If a hurricane moves toward our region, they tend to weaken, as they are moving over colder ocean waters. The center of a hurricane is called the eye. This is the part of a hurricane where the winds weaken and the sun can come out.


This does not mean the effects from the hurricane are over!! Once the eye moves away, the rain and strong winds return as

you get on the other side of the hurricane. Surrounding the eye is the eye wall. Surrounding the eye wall is the spiral bands. Unlike a low pressure system which has fronts attached to it, a hurricane has no fronts. It is its own entity. We have found that if the center (eye) of a hurricane passes to your west, you are on the east side, which get stronger winds and not as much rain. If the center of the hurricane passes to your east, then you will experience more rainfall and not as strong winds.

Hurricanes are given names to warn the public of their great impact and for people to take action to evacuate. Hurricane names rotate from male to female. For example, Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in 2005, will not be used again. The name Katrina will not be used again because of the severity it caused. The same with Hurricane Andrew, which impacted Florida. The peak of hurricane season is mid August to mid September. This is when the ocean waters are the warmest.

Next month, we will talk about July weather and what you can expect.

IN LOVING MEMORY



Diana S. Boucher, 73, passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at the Merrimack alley Hospice House in Haverhill, MA. She was the widow of Paul J. Boucher, and they were both of Lawrence, MA. She was a waitress for many years and later a nurse. Diana is joining her parents Etta (Ouellette) & Leo Coulombe and her daughter Theresa (Boucher) Doiron in eternal peace. She is survived by her son Michael Boucher and his wife Mary, her daughter Maria Fiato, three grandchildren, Jennifer, Faith, and Paul, as well as several nieces and nephews.



# Andover High Eliminates King & Queen of Prom

The Valley Patriot learned last month that Andover High School has changed their longstanding policy and tradition of crowning a king and queen of the prom, replacing them with what they are now calling the “prom court”.

The 2016 graduating class at Andover High had their prom two weeks earlier, where two male students were crowned “prom court”, prompting parents to call The Valley Patriot newsroom with complaints.

Administrators in Andover took it upon themselves to change the handbook policies and did not notify, nor get the approval of the Andover School Committee, something that School Committeeman Ted Teichert says, just isn’t right.

“I didn’t know anything about this until I read about it on Facebook. Now it’s on the School Committee agenda but, the prom already took place. So, I guess my first question is: why? Why did this happen? Was it because of all this transgender stuff going on at the national level? Was it because of a gender issue? How did this come about without School Committee approval? Why weren’t we at least notified of the change? If they want to change a policy or anything in the student handbook they have to come before the School Committee and they didn’t do that, they just went out on their own.”

“If this was a “gender issue” I would be concerned about other gender awards like ‘Mr. Andover High’ being changed”.

“I don’t care either way, but one of my questions will be, what’s wrong with King and Queen, one boy and one girl? What’s wrong with the long-standing tradition in our high school? I’d be interested to hear who is responsible for this, and what was their reasoning. This has nothing to do with education so, why are we even doing this?”

The matter was then taken up by the Andover School Committee where the principal of the school apologized for changing the tradition “out of order”, meaning without anyone’s approval. Committeeman Teichert questioned the need for the change and also asked for the minutes of the junior prom committee after being told by Principal Conrad that the committee approved the change.

But a student at the high school who is on the junior prom committee told the School Committee that kids were told they had no choice but to vote for the change because Principal Conrad told them that it was the law to make the changes. It wasn’t. In fact, it is only a suggested guideline that the federal government asks schools to follow as part of the gender-neutral hysteria gripping the country.

PRINCIPAL ADMITS IT WAS HIS DECISION

Andover High School Principal Phil Conrad told The Valley Patriot the day before the school committee meeting that would be asking the school committee to officially change the policy after the fact, admitting that it was his decision to change the policy this year.

“Because, we wanted to work within the spirit of law that Department of Education put in when the schools were asked to review their policies and procedures for gender separation and a review of the pedagogical reason for all gender decisions that are being made in the schools.”

Asked why the School Committee was asked to change the policy after the changes have already gone into effect, Conrad said that he was trying to get ahead of the policy changes being mandated by the Dep. of Education.

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## The Center at Punchard

GRILL NIGHTS- Thursdays, June 9 & 23 from 5-7pm. Join us for summer outdoor “Grill Nights” and an optional BoomerVenture Screening Room feature movie each evening. Meals require advance payment 3 days before the event. Meals start at \$5 and include an assortment of salads, drinks and desserts. Seniors and their families are welcome.

GENDER, MEDIA, AND SOCIETY Thursdays, June 9-July 28 from 2-3:15pm - \$10/series (attendance in full series not required). Discuss the current events of the day and examine the social, cultural and scientific construction of gender; the dynamics of gender relations; processes of social change; and the intersection of gender with race, ethnicity, class, nation, and sexuality. Gordene MacKenzie, PhD, Debra Michals PhD, & Betsy Salerno, MA, instructors from Merrimack College.

LYING & DECEPTION: PERSPECTIVES FROM COMMUNICATION AND THE MEDIA Mondays, June 20-July 25 from 1:30-3pm - \$5/series (attendance in full series not required).

We are all liars and deceivers. Deception occurs across species, and lying is a pervasive phenomenon in human communication. Explore the causes and consequences in a variety of contexts (advertising, family, romantic relationships, journalism, mass media, and politics), and the strategies used to detect their occurrence. Andy Tollison, PhD from Merrimack College.

MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE: COURAGEOUS PHOTOGRAPHER Monday, June 20 at 1:30pm - \$5, includes refreshment. This ticketed event is held at the Townhouse on Main Street. Please purchase advance tickets at The Center at Punchard.

The Center at Punchard is honored to host actor/educator Sally Matson in her last performance as she portrays Margaret Bourke-White, whose influential images of industry, WWII war zones, and world leaders established her as a groundbreaking photographer in the 1930’s - 1950’s. Please join us as we celebrate Sally’s extraordinary career.

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WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP Wednesday, June 22nd & July 9th, 11:30am - \$8.

Each artist will be encouraged to access their creativity to complete a still life watercolor painting during this workshop. Bring your own painting supplies. Ask if you need materials; some available. All levels are welcome. Louise Anderson instructs. Meet Louise, lifelong artist, watercolorist and Andover resident whose art is in the lobby in May on Monday June 6 at 1:30 p.m.

MHL COMES TO THE CENTER: IPAD 101 - Thursday, June 23 at 1:30pm.

Staff from our library will come in to talk about what an iPad can do. Please bring your iPad to this hands-on workshop. If you don’t have an iPad, we have a few available. Limit 15. Free

Registration now for everything from Belly Dancing to Tai Chi. Check out all our offerings at [www.andoverseniorcenter.org](http://www.andoverseniorcenter.org). Drop by or call us for information at (978) 623-8321. All classes are held at the Center.



## Heavn’ly Donuts Donates Breakfast to Homeless

Chris Kombouras, owner of Heav’nly Donuts in North Andover donates dozens of donuts to the Daybreak Homeless Shelter every Saturday and Sunday morning. Last month, Kombouras, his son George and Arvin Nunez of Andover brought coffee and donuts to homeless people and served them. Kombouras says it’s the least he can do to help the less fortunate. George and Arvin are freshmen at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence.

This ad donated by Kathleen LaPlante, Author of “Surviving My Father’s Suicide”

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Kathy Runge  
LAWRENCE COLUMNIST

Let me start with a shout out to State Rep. Marcos Devers, who had the courage to vote against the “bathroom bill,” which I’m sure wasn’t easy for a Democrat. Thank you Rep. Devers!

I was at Lawrence’s Memorial Day commemoration and only three councilors attended. None of the Councilor’s at Large were there. In attendance were Councilor’s Dave Abdo, Marc Laplante and Jeovanny Rodriguez. Not to worry, the city elections are next year, so the place will be crawling with incumbents and candidates.

After all of the hubbub over Councilor Estella Reyes’ real estate transactions, which you can read about in the May 2016 issue of this newspaper, I’d like to tell you about another land deal involving the city and a Councilor. Ex-Councilor Oneida Aquino bought city owned property last year.

Then-Councilor Aquino, who has owned a vacant lot at 5 Florence St. since 2007, bought the lot at 7 Florence St. from the City. The quitclaim deed (which has been called into question by some in Reyes’ case) was transferred June 29, 2015, when Aquino was still on the council.

The land’s assessed value in 2014 was \$5700, which was what Ms. Aquino paid for it. In January 2015 the assessed value fell to \$2600, so she paid twice the assessed value to acquire the lot. Does she know something that we don’t?

The city sells small parcels of land to abutters to expand their yards, etc. The theory is that if the parcel is added to the abutting lot, the new owners will take care of it and the land will be back on the tax rolls, thus being mutually beneficial to both parties. A “performance mortgage” is attached to the property giving certain conditions the new owners must satisfy.

The conditions in Ms. Aquino’s deed and performance mortgage included submitting a landscaping plan within 30 days of the closing. It’s unknown whether she did, but you can look at the pictures and judge for yourself. They could use one of those “Aquino trash barrels” that she used to place around her district for campaign purposes.

In my opinion, there’s no reason other than real estate speculation that then Councilor Aquino purchased this land and it is not landscaped or maintained. City employees and relatives should not be purchasing city property, period.

The Council is once again plagued with

attendance problems causing a lack of quorum for committee meetings. Councilors Reyes has been AWOL since her real estate deals became public knowledge, and Councilor Alvarez-Rodriguez’s attendance has been spotty. Lawrence needs a full complement of nine councilors.

Both were absent from the May 17 meeting. A bill containing comprehensive water and sewer regulations failed to pass. Water and Sewer Commissioner Brian Pena worked for over a year creating this document and had made agreed upon revisions at the Ordinance Committee level. What a waste of our tax dollars.

Of the seven councilors in attendance, Councilors Maldonado and Laplante abstained, Councilor Almonte voted no and Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez was out of chambers, leaving only three yes votes so the measure failed. Even if Councilor Rodriguez had voted yes, Almonte’s no vote would have prevented passage of the measure.

Almonte quizzed Commissioner Pena on the bill for over 5 minutes giving no indication of her reasons for rejecting it. Her no vote was a vote to give Commissioner Pena more power, since in the absence of ordinances the decision making power reverts to the Water Commissioner.

The bill she voted against contained a provision that required the city pick up part the cost of replacing lead services, which is legally the homeowner’s responsibility.

The bill she voted against contained a provision prohibiting the use of money orders for payment of a final bill. It seems the city has lost money by people canceling money orders before the city cashes them. Thank you Councilor Almonte!

Commissioner Pena told me that, in his opinion, even the passage of an amended ordinance with whatever parts Almonte found offensive would have been worthwhile. But she would have had to have read the bill in order to propose that.

At the same meeting, the Council voted to accept the deeds for the Ferrous site, an abandoned industrial site that is being transformed into a park. Almonte voted for it, so the answers she got during her discussion of landscaping must have been satisfactory. She held the floor for 9 minutes, stating “anything that comes out of my mouth, trust me, it’s important,” ignoring the gavel, and muttering “ridiculous” after the vote.

I know, you’re saying Almonte lives rent-free in my head. Let’s hope she doesn’t start living rent-free in all of our heads, I hear she’s considering a run for Mayor!

Mayor Proposes Million Dollar Sidewalk Improvement Program

Haverhill Mayor James J. Fiorentini has proposed a \$1.2 million program to repair and replace some of the sidewalks in the city. This would be the largest amount of money ever spent by the city on sidewalks.

“This would put a dent in the millions of dollars that are needed to repair our broken sidewalks, the mayor said.

“Sidewalk repairs are the number one request we get in the Mayor’s office. According to an inventory we did last year, our sidewalks need millions of dollars in repair. This will be, by far, the largest amount ever spent by the city to repair or replace sidewalks.”

Many of the sidewalks in the city were constructed by the WPA project in the 1930’s, which was federally funded.

“They lasted for decades, but now for many of them, their time is up. We owe it to our citizens to begin replacing and repairing them.”

In the Mayor’s inaugural address earlier this year, he referenced making Haverhill a

“walkable city.”

“The first step in becoming a walkable city is to fix the sidewalks,” Fiorentini said at the time.

Last summer, city officials worked with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission (MVPC) to hire interns to assess our sidewalks. Haverhill became one of the few communities in the state that actually now has a sidewalk assessment. According to the assessment, the city sidewalks need about \$12 million in repairs. The city allocates money every year to repair sidewalks, but this expense of over a million dollars, would be about six times larger than the city normally spends upon sidewalk repairs.

“We cannot do it all, and we certainly cannot do it all at once” said Fiorentini, “but that does not mean that we shouldn’t start. “The time to start is now.”

The Mayor said, “The city will draw up a sidewalk improvement plan which will start on sidewalks where children walk to school.”

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# Dominicans in Lawrence Vote for Dominican President, Show ID to Vote, Say Voter ID “Not Racist”

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VALLEY PATRIOT PUBLISHER

LAWRENCE – The gymnasium of the old high school on Haverhill St. was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon as Dominican citizens who live in the City of Lawrence, Massachusetts turned out in large numbers to vote for the next Dominican President.

Dominican citizens who have dual citizenship with the United States are allowed to vote in both countries’ elections.

The line of people waiting to vote outside started at on Amesbury St., and snaked down to Lebanon St. to the back doors of the old Lawrence High School. There, they were met by campaign volunteers from the various campaigns handing out literature for their preferred candidate, and talking to voters one last time before they went inside to vote.

Once inside the back lobby, the line continued up a flight of stairs to the doors of the gymnasium. By that point, voters could finally see the end of the line, where each voter was asked to register and show their government approved Voter ID before they could cast ballot.

We interviewed more than 30 people and spoke to dozens more about the Dominican elections, voter ID, racism, and why so many Dominicans showed up to vote for the Dominican Presidential election, yet so few show up to vote in American elections in the same city.

### SHOW ID TO VOTE

Did you have to show an ID to vote today?  
“Yes,” said Ruben Perez of Lawrence. “In Dominican (elections) you need a voter ID, but I think I forgot mine in my car so I have to go back,” he said laughing while he padded his pockets down searching for his ID. Ruben had waited in line at least an hour just to get to the doors of the building.

Asked if he thought it was racist for Americans to ask for an ID to vote, he said it wasn’t racist at all. “I think it’s better with an ID. It’s better because you can only vote one time, you don’t have a chance of voting again.”

Lawrence City Councilor (District-D) Jeovanny Rodriguz said he had to show an ID to vote and doesn’t understand why the United States elections don’t require it.

“There are some differences between the Dominican Republic elections in the voting process. You have to show an ID. If you are not registered to vote you can register right here, same-day registration, and you need to use your fingerprint to register to vote. If you haven’t registered before, you come over and put your fingerprint on the computer screen, they find you in the system, and then they allow you to go ahead and register and vote.”

Does that cut down on voter fraud?

“Yes, also another difference between the Dominican Republic voting and American voting, is that they actually



Lawrence City Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez shows the purple ink on his finger after voting.

mark you,” he said pointing to the purple ink on his finger.

“This is the proof. So, that means if you have the ink on your finger you cannot vote twice.”

QUESTION: When Americans want to have Voter ID in any city in America, including here in Lawrence, we are told that it’s racist, that minorities cannot afford Voter IDs, and yet I see everyone here is holding a voter ID.

Is voter ID racist?

Editors note: Lawrence is one of the poorest communities in the state of Massachusetts. The Dominican population in Lawrence is the poorest population in that city.

“To me it’s not (racist). It’s just another way of showing who you are. Maybe for other people at another time, maybe they can say voter ID is racist, but for the Dominican people it’s not. For most Lawrencians, most of the people that live here that are from the Dominican Republic, it’s not racist. In the American elections they actually show up with licenses expecting to show their ID (to vote). That’s the way they show who they are. Particularly, I do not see how that’s racist.”

Of the dozens of people interviewed in Lawrence, only one showed resistance to requiring Voter ID in American elections, Lawrence School Committeeman Pavel Payano

“If you ask most people here in Lawrence, most Latinos, I don’t think they have a problem with showing an ID to vote because they are used to showing an ID in their own elections. But, one of the issues with the ID Act is that they say that with Voter ID, it’s harder for seniors to vote. It has yet been shown that when you implement an ID that it stops corruption at the polls,” the Lawrence School Committeeman, and former candidate for state senate said.

Question: Then doesn’t [voter ID] make



Lawrence resident Ruben Perez with his Voter ID needed to vote in Lawrence for the Dominican elections. Perez says Voter ID is not racist.

it harder for Dominican seniors to vote? I see a lot of Dominican seniors here, in fact it’s almost all Dominican seniors, and they all have ID’s to vote.

“Yes it does,” he said.

“You have to pay money to get an ID,” he said. Payano also added that Dominican voters used to have to go into Boston to apply for a voter ID, but the Dominican consulate now sends people to Lawrence to help them sign up before elections to get an ID to vote.

As Payano was speaking, an elderly gentleman came out of the building after voting.

### DOMINICAN TURNOUT HIGHER THAN IN LOCAL ELECTIONS

Everyone interviewed was asked why the Dominican turnout is so high for the Dominican elections, while they turnout in such fewer numbers for Lawrence or American elections in the same city.

“We’ve been joking about that today,” School Committeeman Payano said.

“There’s a lot more people here mo-

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## Proposed Methuen Budget Is Unfair To Schools

D.J. DEEB  
METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

May has proven to be a very busy month for the Methuen School Committee as it almost always is. There have been several workshops on the budget (which is still a work in progress), awards ceremonies, teacher recognition, and pro-active planning for the year ahead.

First off, Congratulations to the Methuen Schools Leadership Team for being recognized recently by The American Red Cross of Northeast Massachusetts and being presented with the 2016 Education hero Award for their commitment to student health and well-being. All of the Principals were recognized, including Rich Barden (MHS), Mary Beth Donovan (Tenney), Tim Miller (Timony), Chris Reeve (CGS), and Stephen Serpina (Marsh), along with Methuen Schools Superintendent Judy Scannell. This leadership team meets on a weekly basis to discuss student health and safety issues, including drug and alcohol abuse issues, and recommends initiatives in the schools that are pro-active in addressing student needs.

Technology Director Ed Lussier has been doing a commendable job researching new technology and software programs to integrate in Methuen Public Schools to allow teachers and staff to better communicate with students and staff, post assignments, record grades,

and map curricula lessons. The Methuen School Committee recently approved a contract with Custom Computer Specialists, Inc., which utilizes the software Infinite Campus. This new student information software system will be implemented during the 2016-2017 school year that better addresses the needs and concerns of the Methuen School community. This is the first time in 10 years that the software system has been updated in Methuen Schools. There will, of course, be a learning curve for teachers, parents, students, and administrators, but the new technology is more comprehensive and user-friendly.

In April, Matthew Curran was appointed the new Athletic Director for Methuen Public Schools. The Screening Committee received 67 applications for this position. Curran has been a teacher in Lawrence since 2000 and was the unanimous choice of the Screening Committee, consisting of administrators, teachers, parents, School Committee, and students. Congratulations and best of luck to Matt in his new position!

The Methuen School Committee also voted to adopt the 2016-2017 Academic School Calendar. After months of surveying parents and involving unions in planning the calendar, it was agreed that the Methuen Schools should be proactive again in beginning schools before Labor Day to allow for additional makeup days in June in the advent school closings

facilitated by harsh winter weather as was the case last year.

Over the last few months, members of the Methuen School Committee and the Mayor have been working on a budget for FY 2017. As of this writing, the Mayor has proposed level-funding the schools for the next fiscal year. It should be noted that Methuen spends far below state average on per pupil expenditures.

This is truly unfortunate given the fact that the Mayor’s proposed budget drastically increases funding for Police, Fire, and Public Works. All of these departments are important and they do a great job for the City, but we should not be spending more money hiring 4 new fire-fighters when teachers are going to have to be let go under the Mayor’s proposed budget. I have seen preliminary figures that increase the Police Budget by 11% and Public Works budget by 8%.

This is unacceptable! It is my belief that Methuen has a spending problem, not a revenue problem. The City needs to learn to live within its means. Having stated this, if the Mayor wants to level-fund the schools, all of the other City Departments should be level-funded as well. Given that we are already shortchanging our schools with funding, I will not support the Mayor’s current proposed budget (proposed on May 23, 2016) as it stands unless the other City Departments are also level-funded. Budget reductions need to be shared across the board with



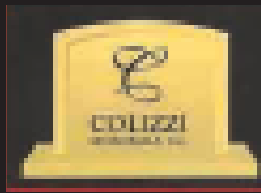
all City Departments. It should be noted that this is still a work in progress and the City Council has final say over the City Budget. The Methuen School Committee will make a recommendation to the City Council shortly by mid-June.

As always, I will continue to keep Valley Patriot readers posted on new developments in future editions of The Valley Patriot.

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## Gov's Council Critical Link Between All Three Branches of Government

By: Rich Baker

The Massachusetts Governor's Council is the most important governmental board that you have never heard of. The Council was formed in 1691 as part of the charter of the Providence of Massachusetts Bay and has served many roles over the past 325 years. When the Massachusetts Constitution was adopted in 1780, the Governor's Council continued in its role as advisors to the Governor.

The most important task for the Governor's Council today is to vet and approve judicial nominations for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Governor's Council quizzes potential judges chosen by Governor Charlie Baker, and approves or denies Baker's nominations. There are 411 judges and 85 clerk-magistrates in the Commonwealth, and the Governor's Council is responsible for voting on the nominees for these judicial positions when openings occur.

Judges in Massachusetts are selected through a four step processes. A Judicial Nominating Commission, selected by Governor Baker, posts judicial job openings and reviews the resumes that are selected, recommending several candidates to Baker for review. A Joint Bar Review Committee comprised of the Massachusetts and Boston Bar Associations then reviews each nominee and provides a recommendation to the Governor. Governor Baker then selects a nominee for the judicial opening, and sends that nomination to the Governor's Council for review. Similar to the US Senate Judiciary Committee, the Governor's Council questions each judicial nominee before voting to confirm the judge.

Since judges serve lifetime (until mandatory retirement at 70 years old) appointments in Massachusetts, the Governor's Council plays a key role in assuring that fair and equitable judges serve on the benches of the Commonwealth's courts. The impact of these judicial appointments lasts for decades. Proper vet-

ting at the Governor's Council helps to assure that judges work to apply the law created by the legislature, along with judicial precedent, to the facts in individual cases before them.

In addition to the selection of judges, the Massachusetts Governor's Council reviews and approves nominations to the Parole Board, the Appellate Tax Board, the Industrial Accident Board and the Industrial Accident Reviewing Board. The Council also approves the appointments of Notaries Public and Justices of the Peace.

The Council plays a vital role in modification of the sentences of prisoners in Massachusetts. If Governor Baker recommends paroles, pardons, or commutations of sentences, the Governor's Council reviews and approves these recommendations.

The Governor's Council also authorizes expenditures from the Treasury, signing the warrant of Commonwealth expenses. The Legislature creates a budget for the State, and the Executive branch then spends specific expenditures against that budget. The Massachusetts Office of Administration and Finance lists those expenditures on a warrant for approval by the Governor's Council. Once the warrant is approved by the Governor's Council, the Commonwealth can issue check to pay its bills.

Should a vacancy in a constitutional office occur when the legislature is not in session, then the Governor's Council will approve the Governor's appointment of the constitutional officer. The Council also compiles and certifies the results of statewide elections.

The Governor's Council is made up of eight elected members from eight Governor's Council District's. The Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor serves as Chairman of the Governor's Council. The Councilors are elected every two years in the same primaries and general elections as State Representatives and State Senators.

For more information, call Richard Baker at 978-257-4101, or email at [rbaker@richbaker.us](mailto:rbaker@richbaker.us).

## Shawn Hansen's Sports Corner: 2016 Boston Red Sox

As of Wednesday morning, June 1, 2016, the Boston Red Sox are atop the American League East with a record of 32-20 that sits 3.0 games in front of the Baltimore Orioles and 7.5 games in front of the Yankees ... who are in fourth place!

Obviously it is only June 1 and the Red Sox have a little over four months of baseball left until the berth of the 2016 Playoffs but they are flat out amazing!!

Looking back, they decimated the Oakland Athletics 14-7 in Game 1, 13-5 in Game 2 and 13-3 in Game 3 (40-15) blasting eight home runs in their three game SWEEP at Fenway!

Jackie Bradley, Jr. rode a 29-game hitting streak that unfortunately ended against the Colorado Rockies and as of June 1, Xander Bogaerts held a 24-game hitting streak.

Mookie Betts hit three home runs on May 31, against the Baltimore Orioles that hasn't been accomplished since Will Middlebrooks hit three in Toronto against the Blue Jays on April 7, 2013 in a 13-0 win!

David "Big Papi" Ortiz, the man who everyone in baseball fears that is not in a Red Sox uniform is going out in "fashion style" in his last season. Through 46

games, Ortiz has 59 hits, 23 doubles, 1 triple, 14 home runs and 47 RBI as well as a stolen base!

Hitting his 600th double on May 14 as the Red Sox beat the Houston Astros 6-5, Ortiz joined Hank Aaron and Barry Bonds as the only three players in baseball history with 500 home runs and 600 doubles. Pitching wise, Rick Porcello is 7-2, David Price is 7-1 and Steven Wright is 5-4. May I only

say "Thank God the Red Sox moved Clay Buchholz to the bullpen 'and not' the Starting Rotation as he was giving up gopher balls like John "Way Back" Wasdin!"

Behind Betts' three home run game, Eduardo Rodriguez earned his first win of the season coming off the disabled list. Pitching six innings, E-Rod gave up six hits and two earned runs striking out three.

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## PFC. THOMAS A. SULLIVAN HONORED : FROM 1

the hopes of liberating Italy from Mussolini and Hitler."

Sullivan said that since his father never talked about the war after coming home, he had to research the Custer Division to find out about the battles his father fought in.

"So, in May of 1944, they sent a bunch of new troops to help with liberation of Italy and when my father got there, they were almost 12 months into the war in Italy. In the Italian theater were the Apennines Mountains; some of them are more than 9,000 feet high.

The Germans were embedded high up in the mountains and it was up to the allies to climb the mountains and defeat or push back Germans. From 1944 to May of 1945 my father saw vicious and brutal battles almost every single day."

"A month after my father arrived in Italy, the allies invaded Normandy. So, they moved divisions out of Italy to fight the D-Day invasion. That's why the Italian Theater is known as 'the forgotten war.' All eyes were on the D-Day invasion. But, some of those battles in Italy were just as, if not more ferocious as the battles going on in France and then Germany."

"The Germans were in the northern part of Italy, the Balkans were right next door and they have a lot of oil and natural

resource that Hitler took over. Churchill felt that if the allies could seize Italy, they could march into the Balkans and from there, they could do an air invasion over Germany."



"Hitler felt that Italy was a stronghold for Nazis, they didn't want to give it up. He ordered his men not to give up an inch of soil to the allies. He ordered them to fight to the death. It just shows how brutal these battles were. It was actually Churchill who was the real architect of how they would wage that war in Italy. At the time, Eisenhower was focused on Normandy and invasion of France.

Sullivan says that his father was wounded near Rome when a grenade hit him in September of 1945.

"He lost most of his hearing and had shrapnel wounds, so he was hospitalized for weeks. But, back then they didn't send you home when you got hurt, they patched you up and sent you back into battle. So, he ended up staying in Italy until the liberation of the country in May of 1945."

Private First Class, Thomas A. Sullivan, US Army came home in January of 1946.

He received the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Medal. Sullivan fought at Po Valley and later fought at Rome-arno where he was wounded by a grenade.



Former Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan, his mother Anna Sullivan, Former Lawrence Mayor Kevin Sullivan, Mark Sullivan, (in the back with glasses) not seen is Thomas Sullivan (behind Kevin).



# DiZoglio Amendment Secures \$50K for Pegasus House

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has included in its Fiscal Year 2017 Budget an amendment, sponsored by State Representative Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen), to provide \$50,000 for the Pegasus House residential treatment facility in Lawrence.

The facility, operated by The Psychological Center, offers substance abuse treatment for young women between ages 18 and 25. Established in 1985, the facility offers an environment that reinforces a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle. Clients are able to pursue their GED or take college classes at local community colleges and receive assistance in applying for and maintain a job. The average length of stay is four to six months.

The Psychological Center's mission is to help individuals across the Merrimack Valley who are experiencing mental health issues, substance or alcohol abuse, addiction or homelessness.

"These funds will help provide critical resources to fight addiction in a time of great need," said Carina Pappalardo, CEO of The Psychological Center. "In the past 30 days, we have had four graduations at Pegasus House. That is a very successful number. We contribute this to our strong, dedicated staff, effective program model and the ladies' commitment to maintain a drug and alcohol free lifestyle. Beyond the six months of intensive treatment, the program is reconnecting families, creating happy memories for the ladies and saving lives. There is no better feeling. We are truly grateful for the support of Representative DiZoglio and her recognition of the need for continued services at The



Psychological Center. Through education, awareness and treatment at our programs, we will continue to make a visible difference."

"I found myself here," said Clara, a current resident of Pegasus House. "This place gives me hope that other places didn't. The staff here really cares."

"This recovery home truly gives a hand up by educating, motivating and assisting recovering young women who require around-the-clock care," said DiZoglio. "These young women have made a decision to live separate from their friends and family in a facility where they are able to focus solely on treatment and recovery from addiction. This funding will assist in providing the resources they need to succeed."

On Saturday, August 13, from 8am to noon, The Psychological Center will host the Strike Out Stigma Softball Tournament to raise awareness about addiction, homelessness and mental health disorders. The tournament, in which police and fire departments from local cities and towns will compete, will be held at Burnham Road in Methuen.

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"We've been working all year on policies like this, and it must have just occurred out of order."

Asked before the meeting what will happen if the School Committee rejects the policy change given that he has already acted upon on it without School Committee approval, Conrad said he was hoping that wouldn't happen.

"But, if it does, then we are going to have to have a broader discussion about why they rejected it and what the Department of Ed. is requiring of the district when it comes to gender and gender identity issues in the district."

In fact, the School Committee did approve the dissolution of prom king and queen for the more "gender neutral" prom court with Teichert being the only committee member voting no and questioning why administrators are acting outside their authority.

"Honestly, the reason we are doing these things is to make sure that all students, and I do mean all our students, are being taken care of in school. It's not to upset the apple cart so to speak, it's to make sure all kids feel safe at school," Principal Conrad told The Valley Patriot.

Since Conrad cited the Department of Education requirements as a reason for changing the policy, we asked him if that means all schools in Massachusetts will be changing their king and queen to be in compliance?

"No. I'm not saying that at all," he replied.

"If the school is acting based on a mandate of the Dept. of Ed then, all schools would have to do this," Committeeman Teichert told The Valley Patriot. "None of

this makes any sense."

Parents who contacted The Valley Patriot to complain about the change, said that they were afraid to be publicly identified in the story for fear that their children would be retaliated against at school.

Allison Thelen, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent told The Valley Patriot that changes to the student handbook are different than School Committee policies, but added that "all changes to the student handbook have to be approved by the school council and the school committee the year before." Adding, "I don't know why that didn't happen here."

"All changes are approved by the School Council, which is comprised of parents, and the high school administration, and then approved by the School Committee, so this would have to have been approved last year, to have taken affect this year."

One mother said that when she tried to complain to the high school administration she was called a bigot and told to "get over it". Another parent said that she didn't really mind the change but added, "the public should have been told, and the School Committee should have approved it instead of secretly changing the policy and shoving it down the parent's throats like they always do."

"If the kids, the School Committee, and the parents had a say in this, if they came to us first, I would probably be alright with the change if they could make a good case for it. But they never did that. They never do, and the School Committee does nothing about it. They are useless."

## IVES: FROM 5

begin to charge an hourly rate after two hours of labor. No charge shall be made for redacting and segregating unless required by law.

The bill would also allow a superior court to award reasonable attorney fees to requestors who seek and obtain judicial relief after their request for public records was not completed. There is a presumption of an award of fees and costs unless (1) a municipality or agency establishes that there was no violation of the chapter, (2) that there was reasonable reliance on a published decision of the appellate court or the attorney general, (3) there is an intention to harass or intimidate or (4) if the request was not in the public interest or was made for a commercial purpose unrelated to disseminating information to the public.

If the court determines fees and costs are not warranted, the judge must issue written findings explaining the decision.

Courts are also permitted to award punitive damages between \$1,000 and \$5,000 when the court finds an agency or municipality did not act in good faith in responding to a request. The fines would be deposited in the Public Records Assistance Fund, which the bill establishes to support improvements to municipal information technology capabilities.

With Governor Baker's signature, the bill will become law and Massachusetts will take an important and long overdue step in the right direction toward greater government accessibility.

Senator O'Connor Ives can be reached at [KATHLEEN.OCONNORIVES@MASENATE.GOV](mailto:KATHLEEN.OCONNORIVES@MASENATE.GOV).

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## Paddy's Give Back Raises \$20K for Vets

Thanks to our good friend Paul Morton, Paddy's Give Back held a fundraiser in Malden last month. Paddy's Give Back raised over \$20K for our veterans. We want to thank Paul and everyone else who helped to run this event, as well as the huge support they received from Lawrence and Methuen residents.

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Blackhawk helicopter pilot, Gerry Izzo, was in Lawrence last month to talk about his experience in Somalia that was turned into a book and the movie Blackhawk Down. Here, Gerry (left) is presented with a rendering of him climbing out of his chopper in Somalia under a hail of gunfire to rescue his fellow soldiers. .



Lawrence Police Officers escort the Special Olympics flame through the Veteran's Memorial Stadium in Lawrence last month. Hundreds of Special Olympians showed up for what turned out to be a really delightful day.



State Representative Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) recently hosted third grade students from Kittredge Elementary for a visit to the Massachusetts State House. DiZoglio brought the group into the House Chamber, where students sat in legislators' seats and engaged in a mock legislative session.

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# Acadia Insurance Company Sues NH Man for Libel

Mike Demers of Salem, NH Says His Boycott Website Has Ruffled Some Feathers at WR Berkeley

According to the New Hampshire Dept. of Environmental Services, Haffner's Oil Company overfilled the oil tank at 21 Martin Avenue in Salem, NH in February of 2007.

As the result, more than 200 gallons of oil spilled into the basement of the Demers family home as well as more than 50 gallons of oil spilling out of the vents, down the foundation wall, and seeped into the ground on the Demers property.

Since then, the Demers family sued and lost a civil case against Haffner's and their insurance company, Acadia, as well as the environmental companies, Ambrose Environmental Management, Inc., and Empro Services, Inc., to have the oil spill cleaned and all the damage to their home and property returned to the condition it was in prior to the spill.

But, Mike Demers says that even though they lost the case in court (he says because Acadia's priced lawyers had outmatched them), he still has the right to boycott the company and harpoon Haffner's and Acadia online for their misdeed, and for not fully cleaning up the property where his mother lives.

In 2012, Mr. Demers started a parody website to tell the story of how a multimillion dollar oil company, their insurance adjusters, and the environmental contractors hired to clean up the property bungled the spill and the cleanup of his mom's home.



"They spilled the oil. That's a fact. They said they would clean up the property to the way it was before the spill and they didn't. The house still smells of oil. The basement is still sealed off from the upper level. This isn't anywhere near what it was like before. We took them to court and we lost, so yes, legally they have no more responsibility to do anything else. But, these people are human beings, I think they have a moral obligation to keep their word and clean up the property as they promised. Instead, they tried to do it on the cheap and it ended up costing them three times the amount it would have cost to just rebuild my mom's home," Demers told The Valley Patriot.

Now, Acadia Insurance and Leo Perreault, (one of the insurance claims adjusters for Acadia at the time), are suing Demers for libel, defamation and false light, for posting his story on the web, complete with cartoons and parodies of Haffner's, Acadia and others involved in the oil spill and its aftermath.

Acadia claims that Demers defamed their company and Leo Perreault (see photo left) by posting cartoons and parodies of Perreault in a bunny suit, dressed as a clown, and other humorous, some say defamatory ways.

Demers says he is making no legal claims against Acadia or Mr. Perreault on his site and shouldn't be made to take it down because he has the right to free speech.

"They may not like what I'm doing, but I have a first amendment right to do it. With the amount of money Acadia spent to fight my lawsuit, and the amount of time and money their lawyers are being paid to bring this suit against me, they could have rebuilt my mom's home and had money left over to take a trip around the world. I am just using my right of free speech to let the public know that this is the kind of company they are. Rather than spend the money on fixing things the way they promised, they hid behind lawyers and spent so much more to NOT fix my mom's home properly. Now they are trying to silence me by taking me to court with their



million dollar law firms. I am a demolition worker. I don't make the millions of dollars these guys make. But I am going to fight it because if they silence me and get away with it, they can do it to everyone else."

For their part, Acadia Insurance is asking the court in Hillsborough Superior Court (Northern District) to order Demers not to post any photos of their company, their logo, or any of their contact information in his boycott campaign. Acadia claims that their adjuster, Mr. Perrault is not a public figure and has been libeled by Demers on his various social media posts.

They are also asking the court to order Demers to take down his boycott campaign.

"Look, the issue here is that they may have followed the law in what they did, but they promised us they would clean up this spill and make my mom's property the way it was before. We can still smell the fumes from the oil all throughout the house, even though it has been gutted and redone. I think if you look someone in the eye and give them your word, you should keep it. And if you don't, someone else should have the right to hold you morally accountable for breaking your word, whether it's a boycott or a website or holding signs outside your establishment. It says right at the top of my site that we lost the lawsuit,

so I'm not making any legal claims against them. I don't know how the courts can say I don't have the right to tell the world what these guys did and didn't do in Salem, NH."

"I say let the public decide who's right and who's wrong here. Maybe people go to my site and decide I'm crazy. Maybe they read everything and decide Acadia and Haffner's didn't do the right thing. But, if people can't go to my website and read the story, and see the documents and the cartoons, etc., then these multimillion dollar corporations will have gotten away with silencing free speech and nobody can decide anything for themselves."

The legal case is still working its way through the court and is scheduled for a trial sometime in mid 2017.

In the meantime, Mr. Demers is not only continuing with his boycott and social media campaign, but is also trying to raise money to fix his mother's foundation and clean out the residual smell from the oil spill.

The Valley Patriot will be following this First Amendment case and will update our readers periodically as more details become available.

For more information on Mr. Demers' conflict with Haffner's, Acadia and others you can visit [americaformom.com](http://americaformom.com) or [Haffnersoilspill.com](http://Haffnersoilspill.com)

## DOMINICAN VOTER ID: FROM PAGE 10



tivated to vote than you would see in a regular primary in Lawrence. A lot of the people here are more in-tune with what's going on in the Dominican Republic than in Lawrence. They watch the [Spanish language] news and all they talk about the Dominican elections."

"Besides your paper and a few others, there aren't really many media that says what's happening on the day-to-day basis in Lawrence," he concluded.

Ruben Perez agreed.

"We talk about Dominican elections every day, every day. Even the day after the election the Dominican people [are]

already talking about the next election. And the candidates are calling people, they campaign in Lawrence. Dominican elections are like a carnival... when it's Election Day, everyone gets excited."

"I don't understand why, because [Dominican] people have a passion for voting" City Councilor Jeovanny Rodriguez said of the low Dominican turnout in American elections.

Rodriguez was elected on a write-in campaign because there were no candidates in his district to fill the District "D" seat on the Lawrence City Council.

"In the Dominican Republic there is a tradition of voting, and the Dominican people love to vote. I don't know why there's such a low turnout for the Lawrence elections. There are so many Dominicans here in Lawrence that can go vote and, I don't understand why."

LATINO LEADERS AGREE VOTER ID NEEDED, NOT RACIST  
State Rep. Marcos Devers supports voter ID and says it's not racist.

In August of 2014, at the height of his re-election campaign, Massachusetts State Representative, Marcos Devers, a Democrat and a Dominican citizen, made Voter ID a main platform of his campaign, saying it was not "racist" and that voter fraud does indeed exist.



"I am for Voter ID, it's a matter of transparency", Devers said at the time.

"I am on the Black and Latino Caucus in the legislature and I have told my colleagues, I am from Lawrence, I have seen the voter fraud that goes on at election time, and we need Voter ID. I love my party but this is where we part. Voter ID is something that will make sure the fraud we have seen in Lawrence in recent years doesn't happen anymore."

Devers isn't the only Latino in Lawrence who supports Voter ID, and has seen voter fraud in the city.

A year after defeating former Mayor Willie Lantigua, Rivera told Valley Patriot publisher Tom Duggan on his weekly radio show that not only does voter fraud exist, but he has experienced it firsthand and had to enlist the help of the entire Democratic Party in Massachusetts to descend onto Lawrence to make sure Mayor Lantigua "doesn't cheat this time."

"I think we definitely need Voter ID, it's for everybody," Rivera said on the radio program in 2014.

"And if there is an elderly person who doesn't drive, we have to find a way to help that person vote. There's no reason [why we can't]. I mean we put a person on the moon. We have phones that you can use without wires. We can figure out a way so that we can know who's voting, and this is a process we can all feel good about."

"If there is no voter fraud, why did the entire [Democratic] party in Massachusetts have to come to Lawrence to make sure Lantigua didn't cheat," Democrat State Rep. Frank Moran of Lawrence (who is also Dominican) asked at the time.

"If we needed that many people to stop the fraud then it's pretty obvious we need voter ID."





# Let’s Welcome Home Our Vietnam Veterans

John MacDonald  
VALLEY PATRIOT LOWELL COLUMNIST

Veterans Assisting Veterans (VAV) has decided that the welcome home for our Vietnam Veterans is long overdue. On Saturday, September 17, 2016, VAV has organized a concert in honor of our Vietnam Veterans to be held at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The VAV board of directors decided that there was a generation of veterans that needed to be welcomed home and the concert is going to be the place to do it.

It’s been well documented through the years as to how badly our Vietnam Veterans were treated when they arrived home after a brutal war. The Vietnam War and the tone of the country at the time produced one of the greatest stains on the fabric of America. Treating soldiers as if they were criminals, uniforms being spit on and just the general disrespect for the heroes that served at the time was awful.

Now VAV is looking to correct history, for at least one evening. A nice contingent of well-known musicians that played for many popular bands are coming together to honor our Vietnam Veterans. James Montgomery, John Cafferty (yes, the guy who sang for the soundtrack of the movie “Eddie and the Cruisers”), Danny Klein of the J. Geils Band, Jeff Howell of Foghat, a couple members of the band formerly known as Boston and many more have

committed. In addition there will be a pre-concert ceremony to recognize our Vietnam Veterans that will include public officials that have gone above and beyond supporting our veteran community.

There will be many surprises in the evening, but again the focus will be on the people that deserve the recognition, which are the Vietnam Veterans in attendance. A group of VAV volunteers will be on hand to greet Vietnam Veterans with handshakes and hugs along and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will be on hand to distribute special pins, honoring those who served in Vietnam.

VAV has a track record of donating too many worthy veterans, veteran’s causes and groups. In addition, VAV is 100% volunteer and has no overhead, so the money they raise will go directly to the people that deserve it. A large portion of the concert proceeds raised will go back directly to the many causes that VAV supports. Sponsorships are available for companies that are interested as well. The contact for sponsorships is VAV President, Dennis Moschella 781-316-4486. VAV’s mailing address is PO Box 274, Dracut, MA 01826 for those who just wanted to make a contribution.

Concert Tickets are also on sale either at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium box office or online at <http://www.lowellauditorium.com>.



State Senator Kathleen O’Connor Ives (D-Newburyport) and State Rep. Diana DiZoglio (D-Methuen) co-sponsored the public records reform bill and testified before multiple committees as well, lobbying their colleagues to move the bill forward without revisions.

engagement from the public.”  
STILL SOME WORK TO DO, TWO MORE BILLS COMING

“The legislature purposely took out language that would directly fine public employees who purposely break this law,” Tom Duggan said after the passage of the bill.

“Officials like former Lawrence Mayor Willie Lantigua willingly and purposely concealed public records. Bad public officials do not care if the taxpayers are paying the fines for their misdeeds. I was told by Lantigua that I would never see the records I was asking for because, he said, ‘it doesn’t come out of his pocket.’ This bill does not hold the Lantiguas of the world accountable.”

“So, you can bet I will be filing another bill to amend this legislation, and if it takes four more years to get passed, so be it, I’m in this for the long haul.”

“Despite the efforts of MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) and other public officials, this bill survived seven committees and votes in both houses of the legislature as well as a joint conference committee.”

Duggan says he is already working on reforming another law concerning public records, the “secret statewide voting list” that is compiled from the voting lists of the 351 cities and towns in the state.

“Imagine that the legislature of this state wrote and passed a law specifically stating that the statewide voting list is a secret document. I couldn’t make that up if I tried. How is a voting list, of public voters, compiled on public computers, administered by public employees, and held by the Secretary of State considered not a public record? I will tell you why. Because the insiders all have access to it and nobody else does. We are one of only 4 states in the country that do not release our voting list, and it’s a travesty to the foundation of our first amendment.”

Duggan says he has already been warned that it will be nearly impossible to get the statewide voting list released as a public document, but he is not deterred.

“Listen, that’s what everyone said when I filed this public records bill four years ago. They said it would never happen and some of them, legislators mind you, followed up by saying never, ever, ever. Well, never came today on June 3, 2016 and I suspect we have a few more nevers coming down the road in regards to public transparency and accountability of elected and appointed officials. Challenge accepted.”

Final Language of New Public Records Law Released by Conference Committee and signed by Governor Baker.

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In the News: Zika Virus

Frank MacMillan, MD  
VALLEY PATRIOT MEDICAL COLUMNIST

It seems like each year brings a new infectious disease worry, last year it was Ebola virus, this year it is Zika virus. Don't underestimate the economic impact though. There is speculative talk about cancelling or moving this summer's Brazil Olympic Games. Years in planning and billions of dollars are at stake. The way the news cycle seems to work, anything sensational like this is guaranteed to be over exposed to maximize ratings. The public health stakes are potentially very high too. We should not let this anxiety lead us to do things that are impulsive. So let's try to educate ourselves and be smarter about what we can and should do.

First, Zika virus is not something new. It was discovered in a Rhesus monkey in the Zika rain forest, Uganda in 1947. The first human case was reported in 1952. It was originally limited to Africa, but has spread to South Asia and the South Pacific islands over the past several decades. On the islands in particular, an outbreak would be limited by the small population and the rapid acquisition of population immunity. The virus reached the Americas first in Brazil, and has since spread into Central America, Mexico, and into the Caribbean, including Puerto Rico, Hispaniola and the US Virgin Islands. It is a mosquito borne virus, and the most important species vector is the Aedes aegypti mosquito. This is a tropical mosquito, which is also found in the US mainland bordering the Gulf of Mexico. We have a different Aedes species in New England which is believed to also be capable of transmitting the virus Aedes albopictus, which can also transmit West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis viruses. These tropical and subtropical mosquito species have moved around the world because of trade and travel, and this has helped spread the diseases they carry as well.

So far on the US mainland, Zika has been found exclusively in travelers. We have learned some new things about this virus. Typical symptoms may include fever, joint ache, muscle ache, raised red rash, headache, conjunctivitis, and muscle weakness, though most will not have any viral syndrome at all. According to the CDC, the mean time the virus can be detected in blood

after infection is three days. The virus has also been found in saliva, urine and semen, and can cross the placenta in a pregnant woman to infect her developing child. The virus may cause severe brain injury in the developing fetus, resulting in microcephaly (unusually small head because brain development is impaired). Microcephaly is the most feared complication, because it can result in death or permanent disability. The virus can also cause blindness, and in a small number of adults, there have been reports of Guillain-Barre Syndrome (a paralysis syndrome similar to Polio).

Current knowledge tells us that neurologic symptoms and injury do not occur in all people infected, and that virus can be cleared by our immune systems by neutralizing antibodies, implying a potential for vaccine development. Currently there is no vaccine or antiviral treatment, so the people who are most at risk should take precautions. They include pregnant women, the very old, very young, and the chronically ill. Simply avoiding travel to affected areas by those at highest risk, using air conditioning and screened windows at home, dressing in long sleeves and using insect repellent when out of doors can prevent infection.

Public health interventions may include mosquito traps, which have been effective in reducing the transmission of Chikungunya virus in Puerto Rico, another nasty tropical virus transmitted by the same Aedes mosquitos, and draining water where the mosquitos breed, like birdfeeders, abandoned swimming pools, discarded automobile tires, and the like. Many of the interventions that we already use for Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus like larvaciding storm drains and spraying are potentially effective additional tools that can be adapted to Zika.

It is not a matter of if the Zika virus is coming to the US mainland, but a matter of when and how well we will be prepared. We live with lots of other insect and tick borne diseases, and we are learning how to better manage and reduce transmission all the time. This is a nasty virus, and there will almost certainly be new ones to follow. It is not time to panic, but time to get smart and prepare. Infectious diseases will always be among us. Preparation can help to keep us a step ahead.

Mass. Board of Medicine is a Grave Danger to Patient Safety

Bharani Padmanabhan, MD, PhD  
MEDICAL CORRUPTION COLUMNIST

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine has now been proved, twice, to work against public safety, against the very reasons we taxpayers fund it's very existence.

The first case involves Dr. Michael Langan, who worked for years at MGH taking care of our elderly. He also served on the Spaulding Pharmacy Committee, which decides which brand name medicines to include on the hospital formulary. As an honest physician he felt there was no benefit to including Crestor, as it was an outpatient prescription. AstraZeneca felt otherwise because inpatients begun on an expensive brand drug would order their primary physicians to refill it as "MGH started me on it and you think you know better?"

An AstraZeneca employee thus reported Dr. Langan to the Board as being an alcoholic. He was immediately removed from practice and immediately; Crestor was included in the hospital formulary.

Thanks to our Board of Medicine that, 5 years ago, was the beginning of his hell. Dr. Langan was never, and is not, an alcoholic. It was a pure lie. The Board forced him to return his medical license, forced him to attend psychiatric sessions in expensive private clinics out of state, forced him to attend 3 AA meetings a week, and forced him to spend \$80,000 on urine drug tests.

And when not a single drug test was positive for years, the Board's contractor (PHS) faxed an order to Quest Labs to change the lab sample number from someone else's sample to Dr. Langan's. Voila! After 5 years, one positive drug test.

After all, no doctor in Massachusetts should be allowed by the Board to practice after displeasing a giant pharma multinational. An example had to be made. The Board now claims, in writing, that even the SJC has no power to restore Dr. Langan's license.

Dr. Langan, his wife and three children are on course to becoming homeless in about a month because Governor Charlie

Baker's Office, in command of all the facts, has chosen to support the Board and it's unlawful total erasure of honest physicians.

The other case is that of Dr. Sheldon Schwartz.

For-profit Arbour-HRI Hospital and it's parent corporation, UHS, have been in the news for years due to severe patient neglect and an exclusive focus on 30% profits.

Dr. Schwartz was the one medical doctor the entire staff depended on daily to correct errors and keep patients safe. After Dr. Schwartz was forced out, inevitably the administrators managed to kill one patient by the name of LoriAnn Durant, exactly as Dr. Schwartz warned.

Dr. Schwartz was opposed by the administrators who made it clear that doctors had no business advocating for patient safety, and no business forcing administrators to do what the patients needed. Doctors are supposed to be quiet and compliant.

Arbour lied to the Board in writing that they had terminated Dr. Schwartz for "disruptive behavior." Actually, he had resigned in disgust.

The Board has now taken up cudgels on behalf of UHS, a private for-profit corporation, and against the patients of Massachusetts.

The Board dragged Dr. Schwartz to a "disciplinary" hearing. But get this, the Board sent the witness list to UHS' lawyer first. That UHS lawyer then contacted the witnesses to come testify 'on behalf of' the Board. That UHS lawyer then herself sat in at a Board "disciplinary" hearing and even stood up to object to a question a 'Board witness' did not want to answer truthfully.

A Yale-trained nurse practitioner then spoiled the Board's party by testifying that she had been very anti-union prior to joining Arbour, but became strongly pro-union by the time she left, as the union was the only force left to exert any pressure on behalf of the patients. Thanks to the Office of Governor Charlie Baker, doctors now are too scared of the Board to advocate for patient safety.

It was impossible to tell where a private corporation ended and the Board of Medicine began. The Board's lawyer, James Paikos, repeatedly threw questions at witnesses aimed at salvaging Arbour Hospital's name, claimed that Arbour had done everything to preserve patient safety and that Dr. Schwartz was irrational, unintelligible, out of control. Email me for the transcript.


It was fascinating to see a Board lawyer act openly as Arbour's lawyer when Arbour Hospital neglected patients to the point of death. And he did it knowing a well-regarded Globe reporter was in the room watching.

The Board is this blatant because it has the active written support of the Office of Governor Charlie Baker that the Board's story is the Governor's story, regardless of the evidence, there is no sunlight between them, and it is their joint aim that doctors who support patient safety should be erased in order to serve as examples to the rest.

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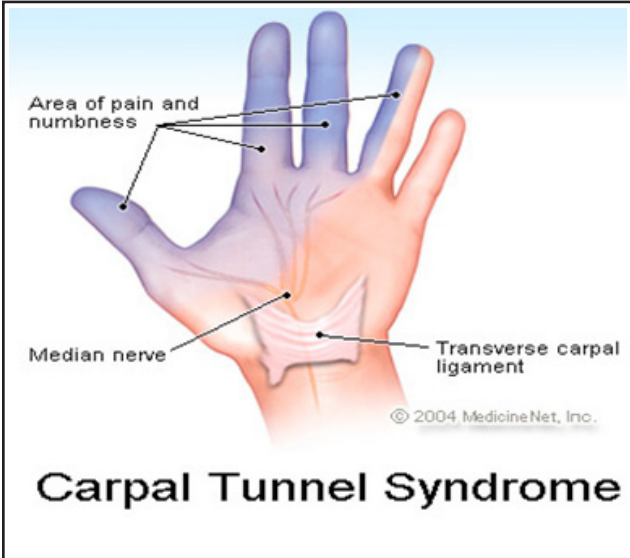
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As you are working at your desk, trying to ignore the tingling or numbness you've had for months in your hand and wrist. Suddenly, a sharp, piercing pain shoots through the wrist and up your arm. More likely you have carpal tunnel syndrome, a painful progressive condition caused by compression of a key nerve in the wrist.

Carpal tunnel syndrome occurs when the median nerve, which runs from the forearm into the palm of the hand, becomes pressed or squeezed at the wrist. The median nerve controls sensations to the palm side of the thumb and fingers (although not the little finger), as well as impulses to some small muscles in the hand that allow the fingers and thumb to move. The carpal tunnel - a narrow, rigid passageway of ligament and bones at the base of the hand - houses the median nerve and tendons. Sometimes, thickening from irritated tendons or other swelling narrows the tunnel and causes the median nerve to be compressed. The result may be pain, weakness, or numbness in the hand and wrist, radiating up the arm.

Symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome:  
Symptoms usually start gradually, with frequent burning, tingling, or itching

numbness in the palm of the hand and the fingers, especially the thumb and the index and middle fingers. Some carpal tunnel sufferers say their fingers feel useless and swollen, even though little or no swelling is apparent. The symptoms often first appear in one or both hands



during the night, since many people sleep with flexed wrists. A person with carpal tunnel syndrome may wake up feeling the need to "shake out" the hand or wrist. As symptoms worsen,

people might feel tingling during the day. Decreased grip strength may make it difficult to form a fist, grasp small objects, or perform other manual tasks. In chronic and/or untreated cases, the muscles at the base of the thumb may waste away.

Causes of carpal tunnel syndrome:  
Carpal tunnel syndrome is often the result of a combination of factors that increase pressure on the median nerve and tendons in the carpal tunnel, rather than a problem with the nerve itself. Most likely, the carpal tunnel is simply smaller in some people than in others. Other contributing factors include trauma or injury to the wrist that cause swelling, such as sprain or fracture; hypothyroidism; rheumatoid arthritis; mechanical problems in the wrist joint; work stress; repeated use of vibrating hand tools; fluid retention during pregnancy or menopause; or the development of a cyst or tumor in

the canal. In some cases no cause can be identified.

Women are three times more likely than men to develop carpal tunnel syndrome. The dominant hand is usually affected first and produces the most severe pain. Persons with diabetes or other metabolic disorders that directly affect the body's nerves and make them more susceptible to compression are also at high risk. Carpal tunnel syndrome usually occurs only in adults.

How is carpal tunnel syndrome diagnosed?

Early diagnosis and treatment are important to avoid permanent damage to the median nerve. A physical examination of the hands, arms, shoulders, and neck can help determine if the patient's complaints are related to daily activities or to an underlying disorder.

Physicians can use specific tests:  
In the Tinel test, the doctor taps on or presses on the median nerve in the patient's wrist. The test is positive when tingling in the fingers or a resultant shock-like sensation occurs. The Phalen, or wrist-flexion, test involves having the patient hold his or her forearms upright by pointing the fingers down and pressing the backs of the hands together.

Often it is necessary to confirm the diagnosis by use of a nerve conduction study. Electrodes are placed on the hand and wrist. Small electric shocks are applied and the speed with which nerves transmit impulses is measured. In electromyography, a fine needle is inserted into a muscle; electrical activity viewed on a screen can determine the severity of damage to the median nerve.

Treatment of carpal tunnel syndrome:  
Treatments for carpal tunnel syndrome should begin as early as possible. Initial treatment generally involves resting the affected hand and wrist for at least 2 weeks, avoiding activities that may worsen symptoms, and immobilizing the wrist in a splint to avoid further damage from twisting or bending. If there is inflammation, applying cool packs can help reduce swelling.

1- Non-surgical treatments  
• Various medications can ease the pain and swelling associated with carpal tunnel syndrome. Nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as aspirin, ibuprofen, and other nonprescription pain relievers, may ease symptoms that have



been present for a short time or have been caused by strenuous activity. Orally administered diuretics ("water pills") can decrease swelling. Corticosteroids (such as prednisone) or the drug lidocaine can be injected directly into the wrist or taken by mouth (in the case of prednisone) to relieve pressure on the median nerve and provide immediate, temporary relief to persons with mild or intermittent symptoms.

• Exercise - Stretching and strengthening exercises can be helpful in people whose symptoms have abated. These exercises may be supervised by a physical therapist, who is trained to use exercises to treat physical impairments, or an occupational therapist, who is trained in evaluating people with physical impairments and helping them build skills to improve their health and well-being.

• Alternative therapies - Acupuncture and chiropractic care have benefited some patients but their effectiveness remains unproved.

Surgery  
Carpal tunnel release is one of the most common surgical procedures in the United States. Generally recommended if symptoms last for 6 months, surgery involves severing the band of tissue around the wrist to reduce pressure on the median nerve. Surgery is done under local anesthesia and does not require an overnight hospital stay. Many patients require surgery on both hands.

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Weighing in on Unisex Bathrooms

Dani Langevin

VALLEY PATRIOT LESBIAN COLUMNIST

There's a great deal of attention on North Carolina since it passed a law in March that states transgendered people must use the bathroom for the sex they were assigned at birth. As a result, the state has had numerous celebrities back out of commitments and companies refusing to bring their business there. I think this is the wrong way to react. I say we inundate North Carolina with as many queers, dykes, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, pansexuals, transsexuals, transgenders, and whatever else there is out there. We should all go there with picnic baskets full of prunes, high fiber foods, and Ex-lax and clog every one of their exclusive bathrooms until the entire state is knee deep in the same BS as the new law and its supporters are filled with.


What most people don't know is many laws have amendments attached to them. These amendments are usually something that one group really wants to pass so they hide it within another law. This is called a rider. It's an added plan of action that would most likely not be accepted into law in and of itself. So, what they do is piggyback it onto some completely unrelated law. In this case, the law is forcing the transgendered to go into a bathroom that they don't want to because the right wing conservatives think this will be applauded. The rider for this law is that the rights of workers to sue under state anti-discrimination laws are taken away. And there it is folks the real motive behind these actions is to, once again, take away the rights of certain people.

Many arguments for not allowing transgendered persons to use the bathroom for the sex that they identify with is that people are concerned about child molesters now having free range. Free range of what, I ask. Molesters are predators and predators will find prey anywhere. Statistics show that most child molesters are straight men who prey on young boys. Predators are survivors that feed on what satiates their need. They will find what they need no matter who's allowed into what bathroom. And frankly, that whole argument is antiquated and moot. Stop

using the molester card when discussions involving homosexuality, bisexuality, pansexuality, and transgenderism are brought up. Those accusations are ignorant and unfounded.

I never thought I'd say this, but President Obama seems to be one of the strongest voices of reason by demanding public schools to allow their students to use the bathroom of the sex to which they identify themselves. Many people are shaking their heads thinking that boys will be boys and go into the girl's bathroom for a cheap thrill. I don't think so folks. Clearly this law wasn't fully visualized by the people who birthed, wrote, and passed it or by those who support it. I'm sure it's because these people have never met a transgendered person – ever. I have. Allow me to paint you a picture. If transgendered people are forced to use the bathroom for the sex they were assigned at birth, there will be people who physically appear to be female: long flowing hair, breasts, high heels, lipstick, and painted nails walking into a men's room. What do you think will be the comfort level of everyone in that room? In turn, a person who physically looks male: tightly cropped hair or a man bun, polo shirt, jeans, expensive sneakers or finely tailored suit, tie, and wing tips walks into a ladies room I'm sure will be met with loud comments, screams, and maybe even a slap across the face. I'm guessing supporters of this law only visualized men, who look like men, going into lady's rooms for predatory purposes. Sheer ignorance. Many of them just thought about chromosomes and what is housed between a person's legs. Clearly this was not thought out at all.

This is all smoke and mirrors folks. It's hiding a rights restrictive rider in a blatant discriminatory law. It's a disgusting display of how ignorantly short sighted our government has become and how they seek to control our minds and bodies.



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Beneath the Surface

Pope to Canonize Cecil the Lion and Harambe the Gorilla as Martyr Saints

Paul Murano

VALLEY PATRIOT COLUMNIST

Just to be clear, the above title is satire. However, if the 24-7 coverage of the untimely deaths of these animals were any indication, you would think we need to build public monuments in their honor.

Please note, I admit to being an animal lover. Not in a way that forces me into vegetarianism or to throw out my leather belt and shoes, but in a way that makes a jungle safari my dream vacation, Animal Planet a favorite TV station, zoos among my favorite places to visit, and getting another dog a resisted temptation - since I get too easily attached to them. Having said this, if I didn't see the difference in objective value between human beings and animals, I would count myself among the insane.

Every semester I take a poll of my students in my ethics classes. I give them a scenario where they are driving too fast on a dark slippery road and see two moving objects up ahead. As they get closer they see that one object is their beloved dog and the other is a stranger. To avoid killing both they must swerve their wheel. By swerving right they would kill their dog, left they kill the stranger. There is no alternative option and no one else around. Almost invariably a majority of the class chooses to save the dog.

Because we live in such a confused time, nothing surprises me. A few students express shock in the results, but think about it: We know the names of the lion and the gorilla that have been shot dead recently. Do we know the name of the child who was killed gang gunfire in Chicago yesterday? The Marine shot dead last week by a terrorist? Do we care about the 60 million preborn children since Roe vs. Wade who will remain nameless? Nevertheless, we're on a first name basis with the deceased Cecile and Harambe.

Why? The bottom line is that when we lose sight of God we lose any semblance of natural order and hierarchy of value. We are forced to create our own reality; and the tendency to revert back to worshipping animals and using people becomes ever more present.

What is reality? First, humans are persons, animals are not. Only persons, subjects with intellect and will, image God Who Is Tri-Personal. Only persons have religion and can recognize transcendent divinity.


Secondly, the brain and the mind are not the same thing. It's much easier to change your mind than to change your brain. The nerve center of the human brain is only slightly more complex than other animals, and it cannot account for our uniqueness.

For example, our abilities to understand symbolic language, grasp abstract immaterial truths, and rise above instinctual desires can only be accomplished with an immaterial, or spiritual, power. A hand can grasp a pencil, but only a mind can grasp the concept "pencil." An eye can see social behavior, but only a mind can grasp "justice." A body can perceive, desire, and react to external stimuli, but a mind with free will can rise above physiological drives to govern the self according to the true and good. There would be no laws or accountability otherwise. We don't take alligators to court for biting humans or bears for stealing our picnic baskets. That's what they are physiologically programmed to do. They can be trained, but there is no personal "I" that enables them to know and govern the self above instinct.

Thirdly, and I know there will be much push-back on this from fellow animal lovers: animals cannot love. Yes, they do many things that mimic love on the instinctual level, like display loyalty, affection, care for offspring, and mourn their dead. However, unless these acts are freely chosen they are not love. Love is a free choice. (That is why "falling in love" is not necessarily love.) Did the dog freely choose to lick you and wag his tail instead of pouting in the corner for what you said about him yesterday? Did the alligator ask you if you were going to harm its babies before attacking? Why not? And did the little boy in the gorilla mote interrupt Harambe in the midst of composing a musical sonata or preparing to teach his fellow gorillas the difference between Socratic dialogue and Cartesian dualism?

Like many others, I marvel at the majesty of an adult lion and a silverback gorilla. But they are not persons. They are not spiritual and can neither think nor love.

The invaluable dignity of each human person rightly leads us to conclude that the life of a human child is inherently worth more than all the lions and gorillas in the world.



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On this day, June 1, 2001 a Hamas terrorist, walked into a Tel Aviv dance club at the Dolphinarium and blew himself up murdering 21 young Israelis and injuring 132.

Jenya Dorfman was 15 years old. The story below is not her story. Jenya's story is that of a happy, dancing girl. A regular teenager.

This is the story of a pure gesture on night of horrors, the story of humanity and kindness on the deepest and most basic level.

This is a story of love.

FAINA AND FRANK

The events of a single night created an unbreakable connection between Faina and Frank. Two people, from worlds apart, they would normally never have met, but that night was no normal night. Their story is not that of a romance, but it is a story of love. Theirs is a story of humanity and kindness on the deepest and most basic level.

It was a Friday night. Frank Eggmann, assistant to the Ambassador of Switzerland posted in Israel, was in his room. Suddenly, he heard the sound of an enormous explosion. A suicide bomber had blown himself up in the midst of a crowd of teenagers waiting to enter their favorite disco, the Dolphinarium.

Frank ran down the street to the Dol-



phinarium to see if he could help. He was witness to untold horrors. Youth blown to bits. Frank searched for someone he could help. Frank approached a boy who was lying on the ground but as he drew near he realized that the boy was dead; there was nothing Frank could do for him. A girl lying on the ground caught his eye. She was severely wounded, bleeding from a head injury. Frank knew he lacked the medical skills needed to assist Jenya so he did the only thing he could think of doing: he sat on the ground next to her and held her hand.

Meanwhile, Faina, Jenya's mother,

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Ana Debernardo  
VALLEY PATRIOT TEEN TALK COLUMNIST

Authors choose specific titles for their works whose meanings sometimes remain unclear until after the work has been read in its entirety. From a young age, almost everyone is warned not to judge a book by its cover. However often times, it is these very factors, both title and cover, that determine someone's desire to read a book. No matter how many times the cliché warning is drilled into our heads, people so easily slip into the habit of basing their perceptions on appearance. My favorite book, "Pride and Prejudice" is even based on this common phenomenon of human nature. But for so many reasons, this tendency to judge someone or something at first glance is deception, and the more you actually think about it, the clearer this concept becomes. Why should people be able to observe everything there is to know about a person from a single glance? Not only is this impossible, it's implausible.

I pride myself on being a multifaceted individual. I could not describe myself under any word limits, because some qualities cannot be defined with words or phrases, but rather require human contact to be truly detected and understood. I'd like to believe that my personality possesses some spunky twang that is unparalleled in any other human being. If I were to say this to someone who has never met me, I would bet that they had already formed an opinion of me based solely on these previous three sentences. An over-confident, pretentious brat is what comes to my mind when I read this description, (even though it's my own), but I can assure you that developing this opinion is the first step in the wrong direction. To quote another cliché phrase, "everything is not always what it seems."

For as long as I could remember, I struggled with self-confidence. That's not to say I was unaware of my own worth or the inherent dignity that resided within me; but I was never too eager to boast my accomplishments. Whenever I was introduced into a new environment and the natural questions of "what

are you good at?" or "what are some of your skills?" arose, I was somehow left at a loss for words. In these moments, embarrassment would flood over me, and I would tear myself down out loud, just to make sure no one would mistake the acknowledgement of my talents for hubris. This quickly became a recurring habit and I would rush to vocalize my imperfections before other people had a chance to mock them behind my back. Somehow, I justified this in my mind and convinced myself that other people didn't have the power to hurt me with their words if I beat them to it. In retrospect, this was quite a foolish move.

I heard a speech given recently titled, "Sorry, Not Sorry." (Campbell, Harvard Commencement) The student speaker began his story by recalling an event in his childhood that set off a lifetime habit of apologizing for his every action just to cover up his own insecurity of letting those around him down. At the age of 4, in a manner slightly surpassing playful, the young speaker smacked his older brother on the arm with a whiffle ball bat, uncovering a dormant case of cancer which can only be detected through a certain traumatic experience or pain-provoking injury. While the 4-year-old speaker obviously didn't intend to set off his brother's tumor, this didn't stop him from feeling guilt for his actions. Consequently, the boy grew up sensitive to his impact on those around him, apologizing for any questionable antic before he could be reproached for it. This is an unhealthy habit I think too many of us fall into. Terrified of the reactions we will spark in others, this paralyzing fear of being ostracized by our peers controls our freedom to act as we please.

It's time we stop apologizing for being ourselves and instead start presenting ourselves in a genuine light. If we keep acting in a way that reflects a nature that is not our own, what choice do spectators have but to base their perceptions on this fraudulent facade we cowardly hide behind? To judge us by our covers?

You should never feel the need to apologize or make excuses for yourself for the sake of other people. After all, if you're not even on your own side, who will be?



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# IN THE GROOVE with Cindy Annis

Ricky Nelson was born on May 8, 1940 in Teaneck New Jersey. His birth name is Eric Hilliard Nelson. Ricky started out as a child star when he was eight years old on February 20, 1949, playing himself in a radio show called “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet. For the first time in 1952, fans got to see the Nelson family in “Here Comes the Nelsons. This was a test film to see how the show would work out on television. “The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet first appeared on television on October 3, 1952.

On March 26, 1957 Ricky recorded, “I’m Walkin’”, “A Teenagers Romance”, and “You’re My One and Only Love”, on the jazz record label, Verve. Ricky also played drums and sang, “I’m Walkin’” in an “Ozzie and Harriet episode called “Ricky the Drummer”. “I’m Walkin’” reached #4 on the billboard charts. The flip side of the record, “A Teenagers Romance,” reached #2.

Like most music contracts, money was a big problem. Ozzie Nelson, Ricky’s father, made him leave Verve Records over a royalty argument. Ricky then got a five-year contract with Imperial Records. His first single with Imperial was the #3 hit “Be Bop Baby”.

In 1961, the first music video was made. Ozzie Nelson wasn’t just a bandleader and actor; he was good at editing film as well as using special effects. The video for “Travelin’ Man” was ahead of its time. The video shows Ricky singing with a guitar. As the song continues, scenes of different places are shown in the background, and Ricky was put into the scenes. The video helped make the song a #1 record in 1961.

The last song that Ricky placed on the Billboard charts was called “Garden Party”. The #6 song is about his disappointing experience at Madison Square Garden. Like most Bob Dylan songs, the lyrics to “Garden Party” are deep. The story behind the song goes like this. Ricky was invited to play at an oldies show at Madison Square Garden. It took the promotor of the show to convince Ricky to come as a last addition. So, Ricky showed up with the Stone Canyon Band not looking or sounding like the Ricky Nelson from the 50s and 60s. In short, Ricky is saying very clearly in the song that he wanted to change with the times and not play his same old songs. Sadly, on December 31, 1985, Ricky



Nelson died in a plane crash. To explain what happened, let’s go back three days earlier. He stayed overnight in room 106 at what is now called the Windham Garden Lake Hotel. His last performance was on December 30th at PJ’s Alley in Guntersville Alabama. The band played a bunch of Buddy Holly songs including “Rave On”. At 10am the next day, he was supposed to leave by airplane, but was delayed due to bad weather and a dead motor. At 2pm, the 1944 Douglas DC-3 airplane was ready for take-off. Three hours into the flight to Dallas, a distress call was received by the airport of smoke filling the cabin. At 5:15pm that day, the plane crashed into a field, hitting a line of trees. The 45-year-old Ricky Nelson, along with his fiancé Helen Blaire, Patrick Woodward, Rick Inveld, Andy Chapin, Bobby Neal, and Donald Clark Russell were found together at the door of the cockpit. A broken fuel line that fed the cabin heater was to blame for the crash and fire. The outdated piece of equipment started spitting fuel outside the airplane. Ricky was buried near his father at the Forest Lawn Memorial Park in Hollywood Hills, California.

*Tune into Cindy’s Vinyl Vault every Sunday at 10pm, Monday at 11pm, and Wednesday beginning at 9pm for the best music from the 50s through the 70s ever placed on vinyl. Remember it’s not how old it is, but how great it sounds!*



# Bill’s TV Talk Mailbag

Bill Cushing  
VALLEY PATRIOT TV COLUMNIST



From time to time, my column will feature questions asked by readers regarding the world of TV. Feel free to email me with any questions you may have about TV at Bill-sTVTalk@gmail.com,

and I’ll do my best to answer you and may feature your question in a future column. Here’s what we got!

**Hi Bill, I enjoy your column. Season 4 of Bates Motel was amazing! I’d love it if you can give me any scoop on Season 5? – Kelly R., Nashua, NH**

Thanks Kelly. I agree, Bates Motel was pretty great this season. I do have a little bit of news for season 5. Producers are currently looking for an actress to play Marion Crane. If you know your Psycho history, you’ll know that Marion Crane was killed by Norman in the famous shower scene from the film. Producers have said that once the events in the series reach the events in the film, the series will end. This is a further indication that Season 5 will be the final season.

**I’ve been hearing that 2 of my all time favorite shows, Prison Break and 24, are coming back. I hope this is true. Can you tell me anything about them? New or a continuation? Original casts? Please tell me! – Diane A., Salisbury, MA**

It’s true Diane. Prison Break and 24 are indeed returning to TV. For Prison Break, it will be a continuation of the original series and all the original cast is returning. I won’t give too much away but let’s just say that the roles are reversed this time around in regards to Michael and Lincoln. Fans of the original series will know what I mean by that. The series will be back sometime in early 2017 on Fox. As far as 24 is concerned, if you were hoping for Kiefer Sutherland to return to his role as Jack Bauer, I’m sorry to disappoint you. 24: Legacy will not feature Jack Bauer. It will center on a whole new series of characters and it premieres after the Super Bowl in February on Fox.

**From watching the last few episodes of The Blacklist this season, I began to wonder how Tom will fit into the storyline next year? What can you tell me? – Rob P., Lawrence, MA**

Rob, the simple answer is that Tom won’t fit into storylines on The Blacklist next season. That’s because the characters of Tom and his mother Scottie are getting spun off into their own series. Blacklist: Redemption will star Ryan Eggold as Tom/Christopher, and Famke Janssen as Scottie. NBC describes the spinoff this way... “Undercover operative Tom Keen joins forces with Susan ‘Scottie’ Hargrave, the brilliant and cunning chief of Grey Matters, a covert mercenary organization that solves problems governments don’t dare touch.” Blacklist: Redemption premieres this fall on NBC.

**I think that The Americans is the best series on TV right now. But I hear it might be in danger of getting cancelled. Please tell me that’s not true! – Jo-Ann, Methuen**

Jo-Ann, I have some good news and some bad news. FX recently renewed The Americans for seasons 5 and 6. That’s the good news. The bad news is that season 6 will be the shows last season. Season 5, which will air in 2017, will consist of 13 episodes and the final season, airing in 2018, will be 10 episodes. FX’s president of original programming Eric Schrier said, “Through its first four seasons, critics have lauded The Americans as one of the best shows on television and, remarkably, a series that keeps getting better every year. We have no doubt that this two-season order will allow Executive Producers Joe Weisberg and Joel Fields to tell this story to its perfect conclusion.” Also, just a little tidbit, series stars Keri Russell and Matthew Rhys aren’t just a couple on TV, but also in real life. They just had their first child together.

Ok that’s all for this mailbag everyone. I appreciate all of the questions I get. Keep them coming!

*If you have any questions about TV you can email me at BillsTVTalk@gmail.com. I will answer all of your questions and will feature some of the questions I receive in a future Mailbag column.*

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was at a birthday party. Jenya usually went with her to such events but Faina understood when her daughter said she'd rather go out with her friends that night. At the party, Faina ate and talked with her friends. Faina never dreamt that at that very moment her beloved only child was on the ground, holding the hand of the assistant to the Ambassador of Switzerland as she lay dying.

Frank sat with Jenya while she bled. All he could do was be with her. Frank and Jenya were surrounded by ugliness and pain, screaming and blood, life pouring out on cement. The two of them, an island of prayer in a sea of madness.

That night one terrorist directed his life's blood to killing children, to causing pain to as many people as possible. The terrorist sacrificed his humanity on the altar of hatred. Frank, in contrast, placed all of his humanity in the hand of a fifteen-year-old girl.

Faina did not have a good time at the party and she didn't know why. She felt an enormous weight on her heart and she desperately wanted to go home. Someone told Faina that there had been an attack at the disco. At first she wasn't worried, but when Jenya did not answer her cell phone, Faina started to become nervous. Friends drove Faina home; she prayed the whole way.

Faina hoped to find Jenya safely at home but the house was empty. A neighbor said that three wild-eyed and shaking teenagers had come looking for Faina, to say that Jenya was hurt and taken to the hospital. The hospital emergency phone lines were swamped so Faina did the only thing she could – she got a friend to take her to the hospital in search of her

wounded child. It was probably hope that took Faina to Wolfson Hospital where they treat the “mild” to “moderate” cases. Faina fought through a hellish scene of frantic families, friends, ambulances, police cars, sirens and shouting only to be given the terrifying news – Jenya was at Ichilov Hospital, where the “serious” cases are taken. When Faina finally found her daughter, Jenya had already slipped into a coma. For 18 long days Jenya retained her fragile hold on life but while Faina was at her side all day, each day Jenya was already gone. Faina never got to talk to her beloved child again. Simply to hold Jenya's hand and feel her squeezing her back would have meant the world to Faina.

The day after the attack, Frank had scanned the papers for Jenya's picture. He was pleased that he didn't see her face amongst those of the dead children. Frank searched for her in the hospitals but didn't find her. Something drove him on and on in his search. Frank went from hospital room to hospital room, visiting with the wounded and their families. Over one hundred teenagers were wounded in the attack and Frank saw most of them. Amongst so many faces and stories it was Jenya that was seared into his mind. Frank wanted very much to find her, to find her family.

Faina had heard that Frank had been at the scene of the attack and that he had done everything in his power to comfort a dying girl. Faina wanted desperately for it to have been Jenya. A mother had spent fifteen years raising her child, taking care of her, enjoying her personality, watching her dance and laugh and when her baby needed her, she wasn't there to protect

FLAG DAY

John Lenotte  
VALLEY PATRIOT VETERAN COLUMNIST

As we head into summer and get ready for vacation, let us not forget that June 14 is Flag Day.

Old Glory. A piece of cloth that means so much to so many and represents our country. Yet we continue to see the US flag being burned in protest on American soil, by Americans! I just find this incredible. I am all for the 1st Amendment, Freedom of Speech. But how is burning our flag any form of speech? It is outright disgraceful. It shows the lack of respect that is just running crazy along with out of control political correctness, or a perception of correctness.

In 1989, the US Supreme Court ruled that burning the US flag is an expression of Freedom of Speech. In the current session of Congress, Senate Joint Resolution 21 has been referred to the Judiciary Committee. House Joint Resolution 9 has been referred to the subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice. The proposed amendment to the US Constitution is very simple. It would give Congress the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the US flag. This has passed the House of Representatives several times in the past and a few years ago failed in the US Senate by one vote.

Remember, this is an election year, a perfect time to get those running for Congressional office to commit to voting for this amendment. Not all of the Massachusetts delegation have voted for this amendment in past years. They need to hear how you and I think. Our votes are needed for them to get re-elected. I hope you will join me in reaching out to them.

There are other issues that need to be addressed by our Congressional delega-

tion and by the current administration. The Department of Veterans Affairs is still out of control. A new report on May 19th pointed out that a Chicago area VA hospital allowed black mold in 2 rooms. This went on for months. Another report on May 26th noted that in the last five years, 4,000 living veterans were listed as dead and their benefits taken away. To make matters worse, VA Secretary McDonald compared VA hospital wait times to wait times at Disney parks. This is such an outrageous comparison let alone coming from the leader of the VA, who is also a veteran.

The IRS also remains out of control. A report in late May noted that the IRS improperly paid \$15.6 billion through the Earned Income Tax Credit program. This is our tax dollars being wasted. My question is: What is Congress going to do about it? Again, I say, will you join me in reaching out to our Congressional delegation? Best way to contact them is by email or a phone call to their local office. The offices do take note of being contacted by constituents. If we don't reach out to them, they think we just do not care.

A special THANK YOU to American Legion Department of Massachusetts Commander Lou Breault and his officers for a great year!

May God Bless America and the troops and their families who sacrifice to keep us free.

*John Lenotte, Commander, American Legion Post 4, Haverhill; Past Commander, Department of MA. I may be reached at: JohnLDistrict8@verizon.net*



her. With all her soul Faina yearned for there to have been someone there to make things a little less horrible for her precious child.

The day after the attack, a picture was published of Jenya with Frank next to her, holding her hand as she lay bleeding. Faina heard about the picture and wanted to see it so that she could find out if it was Jenya that Frank had been with or not. There was great reluctance to send the picture, the organization that had it was afraid to further traumatize a bereaved mother by showing her such a difficult picture. It was five months before Faina saw the picture, before she discovered that

it was Jenya's hand that Frank held that night.

Frank had cutout and kept the photo of him with Jenya. He wanted to find her mother and tell her about her daughter's last moments.

When they finally met face to face, Frank told Faina everything he could remember about that night. Faina was grateful to hear the details, for her it was like extending Jenya's life by a few extra moments.

It comforts Faina to know that Frank was with Jenya. A beautiful, dancing, pixie child like Jenya should never have had such violence and hatred directed at her. Thanks to Frank, Jenya's last experience was that of kindness and compassion, not horror. Etched into his heart and mind, Frank cannot forget Jenya and through her, Faina. The slaughter of innocents brought them together, kindness created a bond between them.

Two people from different cultures, with different languages and backgrounds, living on different continents, are connected by an unbreakable bond. No amount of time or distance will change this for it has nothing to do with the amount of contact or communication between them. Theirs is the bond of kindness, of a hand holding a hand in a night of terror. The purity of this gesture on a night of horrors tells the story of humanity and kindness on the deepest and most basic level. This gesture did not stop at Jenya, it was passed on, through her to Faina who became its beneficiary. The strength of this seemingly small gesture is that which is given by what some would call God and what I call Love. A child can be murdered but even a small act of Love lives on.

You can contact Faina via the site dedicated to Jenya Dorfman: <http://www.jenyadorfman.net/about-us.php>

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Robert and Alice Campbell, Alison Tran, 1-3 Brechin Terrance, \$468,000.00  
Katarina Hornung, Mehul and Mimansa Kapadia, 14 Granli Drive, \$975,000.00  
Jean Russo, Christopher Robichaud, 5 Linda Road, \$435,000.00  
Ashish and Parbati Brahma, Andrew Stanley, 3 Starr Ave West, \$685,000.00  
Ashish and Parbati Brahma, Jesse Lynn Grandgent-Stanley, 3 Starr Ave West, Chau Dang and Linh Ho, Lisa Ferreira, 219 High Plain Road, \$492,500.00  
Chau Dang and Linh Ho, Ryan Shepard, 219 High Plain Road, Christopher and Laura French, Bradley Wolfe, 10 Olympia Way, \$35,000.00  
Angelo Petrosino TR and Reliance Realty Trust, Jeffco Inc., 9 Candida Way, \$330,000.00  
Joseph Santos, Kenneth Maryea, 172 Haverhill Street Unit 218, \$315,000.00  
FRACKIEWICZ FAMILY TRUST, Eugene and Kimberly Kamin-sky, 6 Ivanhoe Lane, \$520,000.00  
Daniel and Sue Ann Farrell TR and 4 CULLEN CIRCLE REALTY TRUST, John and Stacia Miele, 4 Cullen Circle, \$1,045,000.00  
Maria Alexandris, Alpha Develop-ment Corporation, 72 Sunset Rock Road, \$575,000.00  
Catherine Dutton, Mark and Steven Ven-tre and Ventre Partners Nominee Realty Trust, 7 Longwood Drive, \$175,000.00  
Justin and Elizabeth Hirsch, Craig Lee, 3 Oak Street, \$385,000.00  
Jonathan and Peggy Bauer, Brian and Abbie Connors, 9 Apple Blossom Road, \$670,000.00  
David Wilbur and Lynne Batchelder, Lei Feng, 1 Island Way, \$749,000.00  
Federal National Mortgage Association, Lenause Bouloute, 20 Topping Road, \$299,900.00  
Federal National Mortgage Association, Pharell Ocean, 20 Topping Road, Reliance Realty Trust, Northern Lights Property Development LLC, 9 Candida Way, \$330,000.00  
Frank and Carol McNulty, Karan and Nilesh Amin, 25 Fleming Ave, \$353,001.00  
Joel and Kimberly Kantola, Sean and Katherine Page, 46 Enmore

Street, \$390,000.00  
Jeffco Inc., Robert Casazza, 2 Fraser Drive, \$1,037,400.00  
Jeffco Inc., Angela Short, 2 Fraser Drive, Lee and Nancy Ternullo, Hong Ung, 11 Ellsworth Road, \$567,000.00  
CA Investment Trust, Jeanne and Robert Savage, 27 Muirfield Circle Unit 4-3, \$1,250,000.00  
JS2 Homes LLC, John and Amy Brod-bine, 66 Argilla Road, \$774,000.00  
Masoud Mohazzab, Sara and Richard Ferenchick, 238 Andover Street Unit 1, \$326,000.00  
Taylor Cove Development LLC, Stephen Daddario, 42 Taylor Cove Drive Unit 21, \$191,000.00  
Camille Byers, Margaret and Sean Michael Hagerty, 144 North Street, \$735,000.00  
Jayne and Mark Farnham, Karissa Ut-zat, 246 Andover Street, \$470,000.00  
Sharon and Irene Soong, Cassandra Ann Silva, 16 Balmoral Street Unit 207, \$261,000.00  
Steven and Madelyn Mitton, Nickolas Mitton, 53 Gould Road, \$500,000.00  
Technical Training Foundation Trust, TKZ LLC, 1655 Great Pond Road, \$262,500.00  
Michael and Kimberly Winters, Northmark Bank, 5 Stirling Street, \$100,000.00  
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Hong Ung, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., 11 Ellsworth Road, \$453,600.00  
Maria Dutton, Century Bank And Trust Co., 12 Tilton Lane, \$66,000.00  
James and Mary Noonan, Patrick and Deanna Oneill, 6 Olympia Way, \$587,500.00  
Kristin Vitukevich-Logue, Scott Ago, 16 Balmoral Street Unit 113, \$205,000.00  
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Sakthi, 22 Keystone Way, \$870,000.00  
Royall and Valerie Mack, Shital Brahmhatt, 22 Keystone Way, Christopher Falvey and Debra Filocoma, William Squeglia, 4 Tobey Lane, \$660,000.00  
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Raymond Puntoni and Christine Adam-Puntoni, Rosa Familia, 17 Lincoln Circle, Anne Marie Lamb, Anthony James Rotsart, 16 Balmoral Street Unit 115, \$240,000.00  
Eric and W. Michelle Macaux, Melissa

and William Forte, 108 Argilla Road, \$455,000.00  
Brian and Suzanne Thelen, Beverley Raymond, 3 Sandalwood Lane, \$570,000.00  
Arun Kumar Upadhyay, Kesavarao and Lakshmikantham Veera, 18 Dale Street Unit 4-C, \$386,000.00  
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288 Sutton Street LLC, Joshua Pelletier and Alaina Iannazzi, 30 Mathews Way Unit 30, \$372,500.00  
Daniela Ruscio, Gregory and Elizabeth Colletti, 357 Stevens Street, \$610,000.00  
Raymond Wilson TR, Gregory and Rac-quel Bruton, 369 Wood Lane, \$413,200.00  
Salman Raza and Naureen Jaffery, Suzanne Titone, 26 Main Street Unit 4, \$317,000.00  
S&L Homes LLC, Rory and Adam Bolduc, 540 Boxford Street, \$669,900.00  
Lois and John Roberts TR, Michael Burns, 471 Johnson Street, \$430,000.00  
Demetra Pagiatakis, Steven Tufo, 62 Vil-lage Green Drive Unit 65, \$155,000.00  
Adam and Alisson McHale, Kyle and Emily Ingersoll, 421 Massachusetts Ave, \$416,000.00  
Gary Schiff, Christian Martyn, 7 Village Green Drive Unit 19, \$190,000.00  
Petrina Stephanides-Frontiera, Geraldine and Nicole Zaffini, 4 Harvest Drive Unit 220, \$299,900.00  
Michael and Helen Fuller, Joseph and Joan Kalil, 46 Village Green Drive Unit 73L, \$184,500.00  
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| Lars and Adria Fischer,Ryan Williams,10-12 Concord Street Unit 2, Aziz Realty Trust,Michael Norcia,74 Innis Street,\$373,000.00 | Mary Ann and William Hill,Paul and Erica Deluca,164 Bridges Lane,\$570,000.00                               | North Shore Realty Estate Solutions LLC, Juan Pacheco, 11 Kent Street, \$264,000.00   | Rose Trust, 296 Broadway LLC, 296 Broadway, \$250,000.00  |
| Barbara Walsh,Federal National Mortgage Association,138 Kingston Street Unit 138,\$219,925.16                                   | Ginay Tannenbaum-Pinzer,Brian and Jennifer Robertson,75 Lost Pond Lane,\$560,000.00                         | North Shore Realty Estate Solutions LLC, Irma Rojas, 11 Kent Street, Henry E. Asuncion, Gladys Cruz, 88 Bailey Street, \$290,000.00 | Mark and Deanna Monastiero, Jenryann Diaz, 59 Amherst Street, \$210,000.00                      |
| Brett and Nancy Guisinger,Lorna Brown,159 Forest Street,\$545,000.00  | Michelle and Zachary Fier,Terrence and Elizabeth Holland,133 Greene Street,\$499,900.00                     | Shores Realty LLC, Elvyn Jimenez, 10 Perry Ave, \$225,000.00  | US Bank Trust, Damary Vasquez, 1057 Essex Street, \$170,000.00                                  |
| Brett and Nancy Guisinger,Matias Kvaternik,159 Forest Street,   | Steven and Darlene Smith,Carlos and Betty Zamora,18 Sargent Street,\$380,000.00                             | Shores Realty LLC, Dora and Luis Ortiz, 10 Perry Ave,   | Carmen Buros and Mary Guzman, Ramona Lopez, 18-20 Maurice Ave, \$305,000.00                     |
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| Robert Winskowicz,Liliana Paez,6 Walker Road Unit 5,\$144,900.00  | Massachusetts Nursing Homes LLC, 5-9 Mill Street LLC, 555 So. Union Street, \$450,000.00                    | Augusto Mejia, Aileen and Venerada Collado, 13 Wesley Street, \$360,000.00  | Prof-2013-83 Legal Title Trust, Reynaldo D. Rodriguez, 205 Olive Ave., \$135,100.00             |
| Kevin and Jill Buck,Rochard and Jaime   | Daher Group Inc., Robert Acosta Gonzalez, 17-19 Hamilton Street, \$399,900.00                               | La Belle Maison LLC, Cepeda Investments LLC, 27 Springfield Street, \$257,000.00  | CV XXVII LLC, Luis Velazquez, 84 Warren Street, \$95,000.00                                     |
|   |   | Cepeda Investments LLC, La Belle Maison LLC, 29 Springfield Street, \$200,000.00  | Ramon Perez Jr., Juan Carlos Rosa Rivas, 23-25 Ferry Street, \$400,000.00                       |
|   |   | Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Kathleen Ruiz, 539 Haverhill Street, \$210,000.00   | Clement Family Trust, Paula Rivera, 1 Thomas Road, \$319,250.00                                 |

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**(All properties are listed in order; seller, buyer, address, and price.)**

Andrew Bisignani, Jerry Urbaez, 76-78 Saratoga Street, \$308,000.00  
680 Lowell Street Realty Trust, Luis and Mirtha Sanchez, 680-682 Lowell Street, \$320,000.00  
Christian and Madeline Mondejar, Hernan Alcaraz Barbaran, 231 Farnham Street, \$309,000.00  
Patrick Boyle, Andrew and Jessica Cross, 7 Perry Ave. Unit 7, \$162,000.00  
Elvi Vasquez, Hazel Robles, 50-54 Crosby Street, \$375,000.00  
La Belle Maison LLC, Reina Santiago, 594-594A Andover Street, \$372,500.00  
Edison Olivares, Jose and Miguel Cabrera, 550-552 South Union Street, \$390,000.00  
Tryan Corp., Veronica Ramierz, 316 Salem Street, \$150,000.00  
Santander Bank, Eva Nunez, 189-191 Park Street, \$300,000.00  
Adalberto Garcia, Jonfredy Loaiza, 11-13 Sargent Street, \$267,000.00  
Luis Rosario, Bryan Alvarez, 20 Orchard Street, \$154,000.00  
USA Housing Urban Development, Eden Alvarez, 2-4 Saratoga Terrace, \$235,000.00

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Wells Fargo Bank, Dana Rapaciolo, 62 Deborah Ave, \$250,000.00  
William Harr and Alexandra Stobl-Harr, Jose and Wanda Cabrera, 129 Oak Street, \$255,000.00  
Marie Izzi TR, Ryan Rastello, 78 Frye Road, \$270,000.00  
Jesus Trejo, Robert and Ivette Korecki, 3 Eagle Lane, \$439,900.00  
Combination Improvement Club Inc., Gallo Enterprises LLC, 24 Combination Street, \$130,000.00  
Laura Motta, Federal National Mmortgage Association, 40 CHRISTOPHER DRIVE UNIT 72, \$226,736.95  
Thomas and Sharon Madden, Brenda McDonough, 36 Hopkins Circle Unit 27, \$480,000.00  
Katie Obrien and Daniel Fitzpatrick, Ceasar Sanchez, 41 Brown Street, \$240,000.00  
Alcro Development LLC, Michael and Margaret Mahoney TR, 2 Dunrobin Circle Unit 80, \$494,900.00  
Caroline and Liam Mccarthy, Tabatha

Marie Desmet, 48 High Street Unit 14, \$151,000.00  
Caroline and Liam Mccarthy, Derek Michienzi, 48 High Street Unit 14, Melanie Campbell, Deborah Morin, 45 Washington Street Unit A5, \$222,000.00  
William and Gail Torla and Heather Notaro, Omar Anagam, 11 Bungalow Ave, \$295,000.00  
Federal National Mortgage Association, Glendalys Peguero, 27 Smith Ave, \$262,000.00  
Frederick Peter Andersen Jr., Edward and Stacey Zraket, 21 Observatory Road, \$340,000.00  
Frederick Peter Andersen Jr., Cheryl Hill, 21 Observatory Road, Michael Mahoney, Aldelly Vasquez, 13 Weisner Pky, \$280,000.00  
Ryan Dowd, Ellen Gelin, 21 Hampshire Road Unit 210, \$162,000.00  
Pennsylvania Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church, Iglesia Pentecostal de Jesucristo, 10 Phillips Street & 3 Carlton Street, \$430,000.00  
Danielle Elliott, Earl Pemberton, 39A Sawyer Street, \$412,000.00  
Elizabeth Martinez and Ricardo Luis Profeta, Cornelio Zorrilla, 83-85 Center Street, \$320,000.00  
Mary George, Eric and Christina Guenard, Joshua and Adrizna Felizardo, 65 North Lowell Street, \$271,000.00  
Gerald and Janna Aldrich TR and James Martin Sevoian Educational Trust, RKACO LLC, 10 Sevoian Drive, \$165,000.00  
Rose T Distefano Realty Trust and Mildred Forgetta TR, Annunziata Iannalfo, 35 Russell Farm Drive Unit 36, \$327,500.00  
Neil S. Westerman, Rothmana Rom, 78 Oakside Ave, \$204,900.00  
Derek Sammataro, Judi Giordano, 28-30 Howe Street, \$310,000.00  
Rene Aracena, Johanna Valera, 32 Cypress Ave, \$245,000.00  
Melanson/Juralewicz Realty Trust, Alan and Janice Wright, 10 Sunset Ave, \$437,500.00  
Karen and Robert Monagle, Dogan and Agnes Gunes, 14 Kerri Ann Circle, \$505,000.00  
Corey Psinos, Kristina Loycano, Riverview Blv Unit

1-112, \$229,500.00  
Equity International Inc., Ronald and Lauren Lopez, 180 Chickering Road Init 306C, \$255,900.00  
Applewood Lane Realty Trust, Derek Jean, 22 Applewood Lane, \$329,900.00  
Applewood Lane Realty Trust, Diana Nicolosi, 22 Applewood Lane, J & R Realty, Heather and John Nicholson, 188 Broadway Unit 3, \$85,000.00  
James McKenna and Jessica Monahan, Michael and Cathleen Filipone, 27 Shirley Ave., \$360,000.00  
Jeannette Lombardo, Kristina Newcomb, 36 Longview Terrace, \$130,000.00  
Jeannette Lombardo, Jeanette Lombardo, 36 Longview Terrace, Technical Training Foundation Trust, TKZ LLC, 1665 Great Pond Road, \$262,500.00  
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Tony Gauthier, 65 Mystic Street Unit 11, \$76,650.00  
Sandra Cepeda and Leocelin Cepeda Romulus, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., 9-11 Olive Street, \$303,622.00  
Angela Murphy and Daniel DiBurro, Charlene Hey, 19 Christopher Drive Unit 57, \$218,000.00  
Nicholas and Tracy Armstrong, Anthony Barrasso, 9 Edgewood Terrace, \$242,500.00  
Jill Macarelli and Holly Deangelo, John and Jeanne Renken, 107 Pleasant Valley Street, \$240,000.00  
Seventeen Valley View Way Trust, Francis and Angela McCarthy, 17 Valley View Way, \$519,000.00  
Elaine Fluett and Michael Casey, Elaine Fluett, 40 Pine Street, \$110,000.00  
Eric and Amanda Robinson, Eric and Kerianne Connelly, 28 Benefit Street, \$345,000.00  
Justin Waitt, Peninah and Edwin Idehen, 2 Buttonwood Drive, \$356,000.00  
Michael J. Malveira, Belina Olivia, 6 Clinton Street, \$330,000.00  
Leemarie Russo, Yatin and Diptiben Patel, 40 Danbury Drive Unit 16, \$70,000.00  
Oscar Figueroa, Ivanelly Acosta, 50 Oakland Ave., \$200,000.00  
Douglas and Cindy Harris, Jenny Delacruz Ortega, 130 Oakland

Ave., \$265,000.00  
Mounir and Silvana Bahnan, Stephen Beloa, 7 Josephine Ave. Unit 1, \$250,000.00  
Charles and Nancy Valenti, Altair Farias, 152 Maple Street, \$365,000.00  
Champy Lane Realty Trust, Kathleen and Brian Cannella, 4 Champy Lane, \$320,000.00  
Champy Lane Realty Trust, Sheila Lynch, 4 Champy Lane, Bryan Hopkinson, Scott Harrison, 231 Howe Street, \$229,900.00  
Tien and Thao Tran, Eric Kariuki, 21 Maple Ridge Road, \$475,000.00  
Paul and Erica DeLuca, Marisa Gruenwald, 128 East Street, \$329,900.00  
Paul and Erica DeLuca, Justin Lison, 128 East Street, Manuel Silva, Nelson Diaz, 18-20 Willow Street, \$390,000.00  
Kim Hickingbotham, Catherine Crosswell, 365 Forest Street, \$260,000.00  
Alan Goldblatt, Kelly Wrisley, 64 Landing Drive Unit 64, \$319,900.00  
Daniel Sybert and Christine Santiago, Jillian Hanley, 128 East Street, \$329,900.00  
Timothy Varitimos and Margaret Scott, Ann B. Censabella, 45 Washington Street Unit 76, \$234,000.00  
Christopher Ponzo, Mohua Sultana, 4-6 Lawrence Street, \$430,000.00  
Mark Dangelo, Angel and Rosemarie Lopez, 195 Jackson Street, \$334,000.00  
Robert and Louise Henderson, Joan Mailhot, 41 Herrick Drive Unit 84, \$530,000.00  
Fernando and Susana Medeiros, Timmy and Merieme Pacheco, 14 Bernard Lane, \$380,000.00  
Dominga Roman, Orlando Vargas, 6-8 Birchwood Road, \$382,000.00  
Dominga Roman, Felicia Diaz, 6-8 Birchwood Road, Bradley and Teressa Hazel-Fookes, John Anton, 178 Broadway, \$330,000.00  
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